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HEART IN THE RIGHT PLACE—Members of the Western Manitoulin Community Garden were joined by students of St. Joseph's School (Sheshegwaning First Nation) and Charles C. McLean Public School (Gore Bay) to plant flowers and handmade heart messages with words like 'hope' and 'love' at the Heart Garden located just outside Gore Bay town limits. **Inset:** the Heart Garden. **photos by Tom Sasvari**

Sheshegwaning, Gore Bay schools' students help create 'Heart Garden' for reconciliation

by Tom Sasvari
GORDON—Young students from Charles C. McLean Public School (Gore Bay) and St. Joseph's School (Sheshegwaning First Nation) helped plant the seeds of

reconciliation and hope on June 14 as they joined members of the Western Manitoulin Community Garden (WMCG) (in collaboration with Kids Can Grow), in a ceremony to plant flowers and create a

heart garden in memory of all those children who were affected by the residential school system.

"I would like to welcome everyone here today," stated Sarah Earley of WMCG. "I am happy to be here, and to have Verna (Hardwick) here to this opening of the heart garden along with some of students from St. Joseph's School and students and teachers from C.C. McLean on this very special project."

Ms. Earley explained, "a couple of months ago, I was talking to some Indigenous women and they were explaining about the truth and reconciliation project and one of the calls to action for reconciliation is creating a heart garden. This heart garden means so much to me, it was a vision I had but I also knew I needed help to do this."

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Swing bridge stuck open in high winds last Friday; MTO's communication delay concerns Mayor MacNevin

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT—Travellers to and from Manitoulin Island were stranded for more than an hour last Friday due to the Little Current Swing Bridge having been stuck in the open position for over an hour. Not only did it cause serious vehicle traffic congestion on both sides of the bridge, it caused marine traffic to be cut off and be delayed.

"Due to extreme wind conditions at the Little Current Swing Bridge on Highway 6, sensors were damaged while the bridge was in the open position," Nicholas Rodrigues, senior issues advisor communications branch with the Ministry of Transportation, told the Expositor. "The extreme wind warning in Little Current was not expected to diminish until the late hours of Friday, June 17. Therefore the (MTO) made the decision to not operate the swing function of the bridge until the winds

calmed (after the bridge had managed to close and road traffic resumed). The MTO completed a test swing the evening of June 17. The bridge has now returned to

Nimkii's book

Wiikwemkoong Junior School students launch book

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—Early reading is proven to be vital to later educational attainment and students at Wiikwemkoong Junior School have been engaged in a program aimed at promoting early literacy over the past few months in partnership with Innovations for Learning, an organization aimed at improving literacy among youth.



Each student went home with their book 'Ice Fishing with Nimkii.'

The students interacted with two different human resources during the program, explained Innovations for Learning's Deanne Kondrat. The first is with an early literacy interventionist (ELI), that is a paid professional (like Jacob Pitawanakwat, who you see hosts the event at the Junior School and can be seen in a Livestream of the event at bit.ly/wbe-eli). ELIs are

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Rumours of student sexual assault prompts MSS walkout and parent is concerned that high school administration intimidated the protestors

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—A group of Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students, alarmed at what they perceive as a lack of action by Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) in response to reports of sexual assault, staged a protest walkout recently.

"The kids organized it," said parent John Ferguson of Kagawong, himself a social worker. "My daughter Hailey was one of the organizers."

"What bothered me the most was the reaction of the school administrators," he said. "I understand the need to make sure everybody is safe," but he said he felt the school administration's reaction was needlessly heavy-handed. "They kept them in the office for two- to two-and-a-half hours trying to dissuade them," he said. Parents of the students

involved were contacted by the school administration as part of the effort to sideline the protest.

"Despite the RDSB and MSS administration trying to stop them, the teens went ahead and held a walk (and short school walkout) in which more than 50 students participated," said Mr. Ferguson. "As a result, (students have been assured) the school will be having workshops about consent and sexual assault. This is entirely due to the students who organized the walkout. I am very proud that the teens were able to accomplish this, even with the administration and principal doing their best to scare and threaten them and to subsequently make at least one of the young organizers apologize." MSS did, in fact, hold workshops on those subjects in the following weeks.

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Manitoulin Secondary School, Central Manitoulin Public School both achieve top standing in national EcoSchool awards

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—Two Manitoulin Island schools have been awarded EcoSchools Canada platinum certification, the highest level a school can attain. EcoSchools certification represents environmental excellence for Kindergarten through Grade 12. Participation in the program allows students, teachers, school administrators,

custodians and parents to get a clear picture of their current environmental practices and to take action to reduce their environmental footprint.

"I can confirm that both Manitoulin Secondary School (M'Chigeeng) and Central Manitoulin Public School (Mindemoya) have received the EcoSchools Canada platinum certification level, the highest level a school can achieve," said Galen Drinnan, EcoSchools Canada senior communications manager last Friday. He pointed out schools that participate in the program can achieve four levels of certification, bronze, silver, gold, and platinum.

"This is the second year in a row we have received the platinum certification level," said Chris Theijsemeijer, who along with fellow teacher Yana Bauer, helps with the school's student-run Share/Go Green program in organizing events with the students. Teachers Mike Zegil and Paul Becks also help out. "Other groups like the Robotics team also help out as well," he said.

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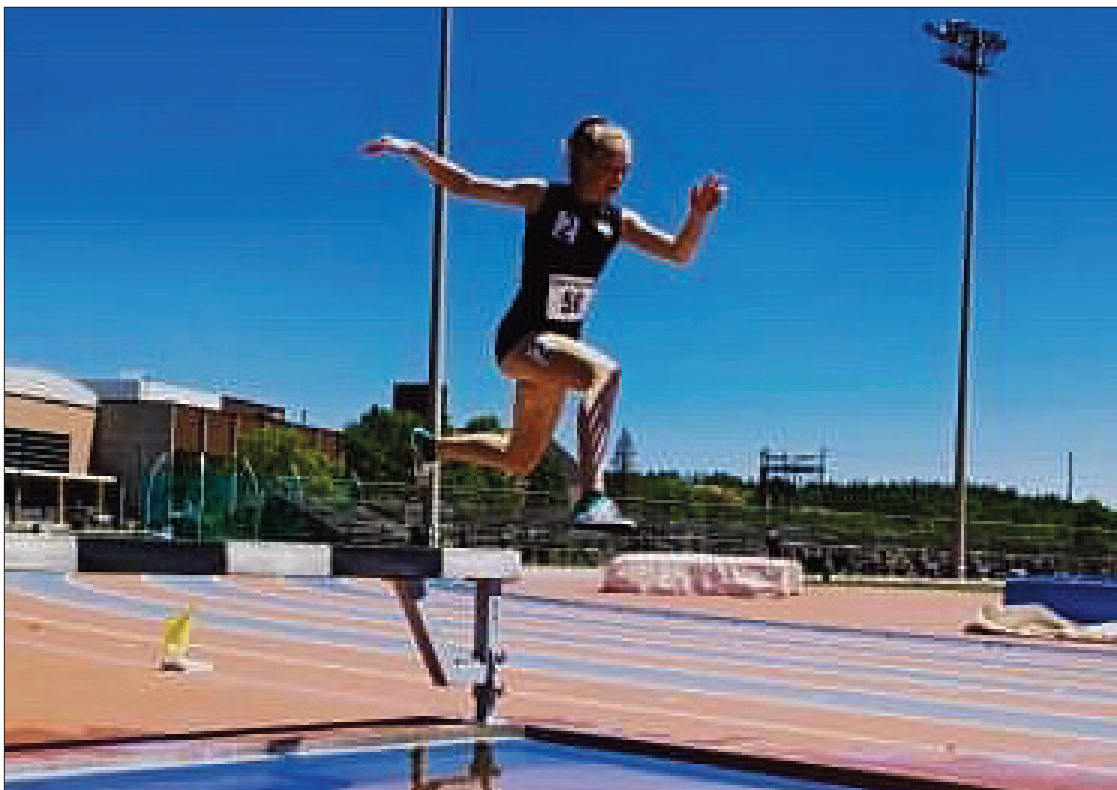
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Island athletes do well at Legion track and field meet

The Legion District H track and field meet was held in Sudbury recently and Island athletes shone at the event. Maren Kasunich came first in the girls' 17 and under 2,000 metre steeplechase. See story on page 8.

Gore Bay debates policy on subletting marina slips

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay council members debated whether a new policy needs to be put in place for people advertising and subletting marina slips (renting out their boat for one or more nights) at the town's marina, a variation on the AirBnb theme.

"If someone pays \$1,500 for a boat slip at the marina, as their home for the summer, I'm not sure they want to see a boat beside them that has different people beside them every night, weekly or on the weekend," stated Councillor Ken Blodgett at a Gore Bay council meeting last week.

"Does this happen here?" questioned Mayor Dan Osborne, to which town clerk Stasia Carr said that it is taking place.

"We can't allow this," stated Councillor Blodgett.

"Is this for subletting a slip or renting a boat?" questioned Councillor Jack Clark.

It is for renting space at the marina by someone with a marina boat slip, council was told.

"We can't stop someone from letting someone else use their boat," said Councillor Paulie Nodecker.

But Councillor Blodgett remained adamant, "we have to nip this in the bud."

Mayor Osborne raised a concern as to how this would affect insurance, noting, "we could potentially lose some of our seasonal boaters (if someone, for example, rents out a boat for a couple of weeks and the group that is renting out has loud parties) and then rents out their boat to another group for another two weeks."

Councillor Kevin Woestenenk said, "we need more discussion on this issue. For this year, we won't be able to stop the person who is advertising this."

"It's the invasion of privacy that people have. If they have a boat that they are paying seasonal dockage on, and someone comes in and rents out their boat to other people right beside them on a nightly or weekly basis," said Councillor Blodgett.

"I think we should let this go for this year and discuss this issue further," said Councillor Kevin Woestenenk.

Councillor Jack Clark said that AirBnBs are part of the world. "I'm not sure which way to go on this issue. I don't think we can indicate that someone can't rent out their boat or marina slip."

Town staff was given direction to look at what other municipalities have in place on this.

"We need more data on this whole issue," stated Councillor Woestenenk. "This came up so fast, so quick. We can't say we are not allowing

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Billings council agrees to hire engineers for fire hall study

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Even with a reduction in the costs negotiated by Billings township staff on a proposal for engineering services for renovation and improvements of the township fire hall, these costs are still higher than had been originally anticipated. However, the improvements are needed, and with no guarantee that costs and inflation are going to decrease in future years, council has given the go ahead for this engineering work to be conducted.

"We have a staff memorandum attached to this issue," Billings Mayor Ian Anderson said at a special council meeting June 15. "At our previous council meeting, we had reviewed the request for proposals (RFP) for engineering for the firehall renovations. We received one response to the RFP, from Tulloch Engineering, at \$106,000. This was higher than had been anticipated. Since then, staff, Kathy (McDonald, township clerk) especially, has been able to negotiate with the company and they have reduced their tender about 10 percent to \$94,920."

"First off, I'm surprised and happy a 10 percent reduction was achieved, which is positive," said Councillor Bryan Barker. "I thought long and hard about the fire hall, and this issue has been on the table for a long time. Previous councils have looked at the issue and what should be done with the fire hall, and as we know, reports have indicated there is mould in the fire hall which poses a health and safety issue."

Councillor Barker pointed out three options had been presented to council for its consideration and council chose to renovate the existing

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Decibel Coalition of 65 municipalities and associations calls for motorboat decibel limits

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—A group of over 65 associations and municipalities across Canada (including the town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands) that have united under the name Decibel Coalition (DC) is calling on Transport Canada to put decibel limits on motorboats in order to curtail the increasing issue of noise problem on Ontario's lakes, including the Manitoulin region.

Current boating regulations, overseen by Transport Canada, allow excessively loud boats with ineffective or no mufflers on regional waterways which adversely affects wildlife and human enjoyment of these areas, coalition members state.

"The issue is dealing with excessive boat motor noise," said Rob Bosomworth, chair of DC. "What we are seeing is an increasing number of high-power boats with no mufflers, or inefficient mufflers, travelling on regional waterways." He said that, with current regulations, while small vessels are required to have mufflers or have through-the-propeller exhaust, this does not include decibel limits on noise

emissions. Enforcement officials also lack the technical expertise needed to identify whether a muffler is properly equipped, according to current standards. As a result, there is little to no enforcement of the regulations anywhere in Canada, allowing the problem to grow unchecked."

The current regulations were set in about 2000 and are ineffective the coalition says. The current regulations only indicate that every boat must be in good working condition. "None of the regulations indicate any limit on decibel levels which is like saying we don't want speeding to take place on roads; but there are no limits on speeds that you can travel," stated Mr. Bosomworth. "And enforcement agencies are frustrated because all they can do is talk to the guy who has a boat that makes a lot of loud noise."

"The number of high-performance boats is increasing in pockets in Canada," said Mr. Bosomworth. The solution is not only to have a good muffler, but to allow only so many decibels of noise. These decibel limits on boats have been in place in

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Michael's Bay Historical Society celebrates purchase of Michael's Bay townsite property

by Tom Sasvari

TEHKUMMAH—It took 22 years, but the Michael's Bay Historical Society (MBHS) accomplished its biggest goal since incorporating with the purchase of the majority of the Michael's Bay townsite property.

"Today, I was going through some papers from previous meetings, and found the society's long-term objectives, the first being to attain this property," stated Ed Sagle, president of the MBHS at their annual meeting on June 14. "It took 22 years, and it took a lot of waiting and patience. We did very well to keep the organization operating."

"We thought when we first started looking at purchasing the property that it would take one or two years to attain it but we quickly realized this was not going to happen," said Mr. Sagle. He told The Expositor, "this all started with a conversation I had with (the late) Bryan Gleason. He said one day, 'I would love to have something in place for Michael's Bay.' And, I said 'why don't we get an organization started to look at purchasing the property?'"

"I would like to welcome everyone to our annual meeting," said Mr. Sagle. "This is the first annual meeting we have been able to hold for the past couple of years," he said, pointing out, "we have lost a couple of former members since our last annual meeting, but we have also accomplished quite a bit as well, mostly to do with purchasing the land."

MBHS reached a deal with the federal government to purchase the former plot of the town, including burial sites within the area, the culmination of more than two decades of steady work by advocates seeking to preserve the history of the area. The land purchased is approximately 50-60 acres in size.

Prior to the negotiation on the purchase, "I had phoned Ottawa (Public Services and Procurement Canada) about the purchase and they said that Wiikwemkoong (Unceded Territory) was not interested in (purchasing) the property," said Mr. Sagle. "The lady I talked to told me that we should make it known in a letter that we were interested and to throw out an offer to them."

"We purchased the townsite property for \$5,400," stated Mr. Sagle. "They accepted the offer we made for the townsite property. I nearly fell off my chair when she said they had accepted the offer. I then called the late Jean McLennan to let her know of the good news."

Mr. Sagle pointed out by the

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Live auction for Ukraine part of Little Current Canada Day celebrations

by Michael Erskine

TEHKUMMAH—As the ongoing tragedy that is the war in Ukraine first began to unfold last February, George Kopylov of Tehkummah found himself in a quandary. With plenty of friends and family on both sides of the divide the construction contractor struggled to find a way to make a difference.

"These two countries are very close," he said of Russia and Ukraine, likening the grassroots



This Highlander 20 sailboat, refinished with a new deck about 10 years ago, includes new running gear, plenty of sails and a heavy duty trailer. The boat was raced by the Turner family for many years.

interactions to those of the US and Canada. "I have a lot of friends there; I feel it is like a civil war. I asked myself 'what can I do?'"

The challenge, Mr. Kopylov explained, is that he is very familiar with both countries. "There is a lot of corruption in both countries," he said. "I didn't trust that I could send help without it disappearing somewhere along the way and not reaching the people who

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One Manitowaning Road opinion

editorial

Crisis surfs upon the couches of our communities

A crisis, largely hidden from the casual eye, is taking place in communities across Manitoulin and the North Shore. Health care professionals are keenly aware of this building crisis but are at a loss as to how it can be alleviated with the resources currently available.

Literally, and we do mean literally, hundreds of single adult individuals are struggling with brain injuries that they acquired after they became adults, thereby largely falling through the cracks of our health care system. If those brain injuries were acquired through accident, illness or lifestyle before the afflicted person becomes an adult, there are services available through to adulthood—but if the injury occurs after they become adults, they are largely out of luck and on their own.

Some have managed to make their ways through the world so far by relying on friends and family, couch surfing for shelter and sometimes even resorting to ad hoc tent encampments—even through the depths of winter. That was the case in Sudbury's Memorial Park last winter.

We tend to think of 'tent cities' as an urban park phenomenon, but nothing could be further from the truth. Such inadequate housing options have been, and continue to be, resorted to in communities even here on Manitoulin Island.

These are vulnerable people who are falling through the many mental health cracks in our supposedly caring society. While parents, siblings and friends are helping to fill those cracks, many of those caregivers are growing older and will soon be in need of care themselves.

While there are numerous programs aimed at housing those who are challenged by brain injuries, such as the Ontario Disability Support Program, when an individual is challenged by things such as schizophrenia, paying the rent on time becomes a real issue without the support of a more stable mind.

The solution to this crisis is not mysterious or insurmountable. What is needed is a home, much like a nursing home, that is geared to younger, single individuals whose brain injuries make living on their own a challenge. Island health professionals readily admit that they could fill a 100-bed facility tomorrow with that cohort.

Mental illness is certainly the flavour of the week among policy makers in government, with the isolation and restrictions of the pandemic having brought a veritable tsunami of mental distress upon the world, but this issue has been at crisis proportions from well before COVID-19 raised its hoary head among us.

Oddly, the resources to staff such a home actually exist right now; it is just that they are spread out among the dozens of health care professionals who are attempting to deal with the fallout from this crisis in our communities—and many of them are doing so from laptops in their cars due to a lack of administrative facilities.

The cost of this crisis is far from hidden as desperation and despair are leading so many into collision courses with the legal system. The cost of a revolving door series of stints in the courts and incarceration far outstrip the costs of a proactive approach to the crisis.

Communities on Manitoulin with the land and infrastructure to house such a facility exist (Wiikwemkoong easily springs to mind), even the funding for such a group home could likely be shaken loose from the upper tier governments. What is needed is an organization or group to take a leadership role in making it happen.

Manitoulin has the resources largely already in place. Noojmowin Teg Health Services has both the expertise and corporate structure to administer such a facility but it will take a concerted effort on the part of all of Manitoulin's leadership to look beyond complacent comfort and see the true scope of this issue and work together in order to meet this challenge.

The economic impact of the creation of as many as 60 (or more) well-paying jobs such a facility would bring to Manitoulin would be a remarkable accomplishment, not to mention the spin-off effects both economically and in human social terms. Community Living Manitoulin has proven time and again how those with intellectual impairment can lead productive and rewarding lives if provided with the supports they need.

As an Island community, Manitoulin has risen to challenges just as great and daunting as this crisis and prevailed. Let us reiterate, this is a crisis, one to which we must not continue to remain blind. The cost of doing nothing is greater, for all of its invisibility, than the cost of building such a facility. We can do better.

letters

Beware the extremists among us

Canadians must wake up to the real threat of domestic terrorism in our country

To the Expositor:

Recent and past events of domestic terrorism, including mass shootings, which clearly are the result of increasing extremism and hate, must now be denounced by us all if we are ever to reduce and ultimately stop the evil forces that perpetrate such heinous attacks on so many innocent people.

James Bauder, Tamara Lich, Pat King, Chris Barber, Max Bernier, Derek Sloan, Randy Hillier—just seven well-known names of alt-right extremists among the hundreds now active across Canada. The worst of these are the Christian extremists like James Bauder who stated that God told him to organize the Freedom Protest and to overthrow the Trudeau government! To cover their tracks, these extremists denounce mainstream media and refuse interviews with them as it would expose their true nature and intentions.

Extremists hate anything that conflicts with their alt-right ideologies and this includes common sense gun control. Canada's Bill C-21 allows authorities to act against ideologically motivated, violent extremists and their platforms to propagate and advocate for hatred and violence against religious minorities and people of colour, including anti-Semitic and Islamophobic hate speech, advocating violence.

As Bill Blair stated, "not every person who's in the gun lobby is an extremist, but everyone who is an extremist is in the gun lobby."

The .223 REM (5.56 NATO) firearm round first appeared in 1957 as an experimental military cartridge for the Armalite AR-15 assault rifle design. The .223 was specially designed to create large wound channels which is caused by a tumbling action upon impact and this is why the little girl that Matthew McConaughey spoke of from the Uvalde, Texas,

mass shooting could only be identified by the unique shoes she was wearing. Think of a tactical TRU 55 Grain .223 round leaving the muzzle of an AR-15 at 3,241 feet per second and impacting a human at close range. Just take a minute to try and imagine that much force and trauma.

Pierre Poillievre is one of the leading contenders in the federal Conservative leadership race. Jean Charest said of Poillievre's flirting with the extremists who organized the so-called Freedom Protest: "You cannot make laws, then break laws." Poillievre, with his "Great Reset" theory is sending a message to those way over on the far right who traffic in hateful, baseless theories about global conspiracies and he knows exactly what he is doing!

With good examples across Canada, such as two thirds of all Canadians supporting stronger gun control, it is becoming abundantly clear that the federal Conservatives have absolutely no chance of ever forming government unless they are led by a centrist leader such as Jean Charest or Patrick Brown. Doug Ford just proved that in the last Ontario provincial election.

We as Canadians must all wake up to the real threat of domestic terrorism in our country. Many, like myself, are proud to be hunters and trappers and of our rich heritage and history but at the same time advocate for stronger common sense gun control and never condoning the man-killing weapons of war like the AR-15 assault rifle in the public's hands in our great country ever again.

Greg Young Wiikwemkoong

Too much debt and silly human behaviour created inflation crisis

It's time to focus on what really matters: food, shelter, family and friends

To the Expositor:

I'm sure we've all recently experienced the pleasure of gassing up the buggy, and have watched with morbid fascination the cost display climb with greater enthusiasm than the amount flowing into our tank. To most of us, we think this is inflation and understandably so.

Surprisingly, it's not, though. The cost increases we are seeing are a symptom, one of the end results of inflation. In broad terms, inflation is the expansion of the supply of money. Literally the creation of new money. At the risk of being pedantic, it is important to emphasize a key distinction, that new money is not necessarily new wealth.

Using the US as an example, roughly speaking, in the last 20 years the money supply amount grew approximately 10 times. Meaning, that in 20 years there has been a 1000 percent additional creation of the amount of dollars in the system compared to all of the previous 240+ years of that country's history. I don't know what the figures are here in Canada, but we are playing the same game, as is much of the world.

During the financial crisis of 2008-2009, the global financial system came perilously close to seizing up. There has always been chicanery and malarkey in the financial universe, but the tomfoolery had reached such a level that we almost had a Tower of Babel moment. A chain reaction of not knowing what the rules are any longer. All it would have taken is a certain number of financial and governmental officials to have refused to play the game any longer because there was too much cheating.

So, what created this near disastrous situation? Too much debt and all the silly human behaviour that comes along with it.

What was the grand solution? Why Douglas, don't you see? The answer is clearly more debt-based money creation. So much so, as to make the previous amount look inconsequential. Ah! Genius! Why didn't I think of that?

In the novel 'The Count of Monte Christo,' the protagonist is verbally sparring with a pompous type who is rather too purse proud. To take him down a peg, the Count explains that there are three types of fortunes. In paraphrased summary: First class is productive land and readily available treasures; second class is manufacturing facilities; and third class is fluctuating capital, dependent upon the will of others.

Alexandre Dumas wrote this book in the 1840s and I suspect it is as timely today as it was back then.

How this Pandora's box will develop and play out I can only guess. I do feel there is going to be a reemphasis on the things that truly matter.

Food, shelter, health, family and friends. If you told me these are the things that have only ever mattered, I would believe you.

To invest in those five things might not make you rich but it'll make you fortunate. You can't lose.

Douglas Miller Sudbury

Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates celebrate economic impact and innovation

by Maureen Strickland

MINDEMOYA—It was a chilly Friday evening on June 10 at Maja's Garden in Mindemoya but the energy and announcements at the 2022 Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates annual general meeting were electric.

The board of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) and a handful of members gathered to review the past year and hear about future initiatives.

MICA, a not for profit organization, has been actively promoting, advocating for and building infrastructure for cycling on Manitoulin Island since 2010.

Their work directly injects money into the local economy in the tourism shoulder seasons through the annual Passage Ride and Alvar Cycling Tours.

The Passage Ride is organized and run entirely by volunteers and is MICA's main fundraising event. A portion of the registration fees are used by MICA to kickstart other programs they develop but the bulk of the money goes into the local economy.

This year, MICA did an analysis of the recent Passage Ride, held June 4 and 5, through an on-line survey with the cyclists.

One question asked was, "How much did you spend on this trip including registration, travel, food and other related expenses per person?"

The majority of cyclists spent over \$350 per person, reported board member Matthew Redmond. Mr. Redmond crunched the numbers and a conservative estimate of the total money spent by all the cyclists is \$84,000.

This is money typically spent in local hotels, restaurants and shops.

President of MICA, Maja Mielonen, gave a shout out to Mr. Redmond and Michelle Campbell, the younger members of the board. They have brought technical savvy to the organization so MICA can do surveys like this and track the impact of their promotional efforts, said Ms. Mielonen.

Guest speaker, Shannon McMullan, spoke about the importance of partnering with MICA for her Spring Bay-based business, Perivale Gallery.



The newly re-elected MICA board are from back, left, Peter Ford and Matthew Redmond, and front, left, Mary Dantouze, Michelle Campbell (on zoom), Maja Mielonen.

photo by Maureen Strickland

Ms. McMullan has run a bicycle friendly business since 2009, letting cyclists swim, get fresh drinking water and picnic on the Perivale Gallery property.

Perivale Gallery won the 2022 Ontario by Bike, Bicycle Friendly Business Award for all of Northern Ontario. Ms. McMullan opens the gallery in the shoulder season for cyclists and says the increased number of cyclists in early spring and late fall, "benefits business on the island when they need it."

The AGM continued with updates on the e-bike share

program. The launch is delayed due to supply chain issues but Ms. Mielonen is confident that the e-bike stations in South Baymouth, Manitowaning, Little Current, Kagawong, Gore Bay, Providence Bay and Mindemoya will be running by the end of the summer at the latest.

Anyone will be able to rent the e-bikes using an app on their smartphone. "The e-bikes are designed for micro-mobility and to connect our communities," said Ms. Mielonen, adding, "they are for everyone, local people, people without cars and for tourists."

Another highlight of the AGM that speaks to the depth of the work done by MICA in promoting Manitoulin Island as a cycling destination is the announcement that MICA has partnered with an international tour organization to have Manitoulin be a part of larger Canadian circle tours.

MICA will be hosting a four day e-bike tour with an international group in the coming weeks. The cyclists will tour Manitoulin for three days and on the final day, in partnership with Wiikwemikoong tourism, they will have an opportunity to learn more about indigenous culture.

Ms. Mielonen says this tour will hopefully be the first of many.

The meeting wrapped up with the election of board members. Ms. Mielonen and board secretary, Peter Ford, have been on the board of MICA since 2011. Matthew Redmond and Michelle Campbell have one year left in their terms. Mary Dantouze and Linda Belton were re-elected for new two-year terms.

Ms. Mielonen thanked all the volunteers, including current and past board members. MICA is "made up of volunteers who take small jobs and do them well," said Ms. Mielonen, volunteers like Guy Nielen, who is leading the first of many Alvar Tours this week, Gary Fuhrman who mails out the 6th edition of the MICA map and Mary Dantouze who writes the quarterly newsletter.

These are just a few of the volunteers who make MICA the success it is.

The six member board and active volunteer members will "roll on", said Ms. Mielonen to end the meeting.

It might be more like full steam ahead.

No expertise required, all skill levels can help with the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas

by Maureen Strickland

MANITOULIN—A small bird chases a crow five times its size, dive-bombing and pecking, soaring over the June fields ripe for haying on the backroads of Ice Lake.

The small bird is a barn swallow. The back road is in a 10 by 10-kilometre area known as square 17TLL98. Square 17TLL98 is one of over two thousand squares in Ontario that will be surveyed extensively by volunteers for the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas 3.

This is the third breeding bird atlas project in Ontario. The first was from 1981-1985. The breeding bird atlas work happens every 20 years and is a five-year study, fueled by volunteers. The current study started in 2021 and ends in 2025.



Barn swallows fly over a pasture in Ice Lake. A single barn swallow can eat 850 insects per day.

In 2019, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology analyzed all the breeding bird studies across North America and concluded that nearly 3 billion birds had vanished over the preceding 50 years.

"What would the world be like without birds," ponders Anna Sheppard on a break at Grundy Lake Provincial Park where she is spending the weekend participating in a square-bash.

At a square-bash, birders get together at a base camp for four to five days and do point counts and general observations, or atlassing, in multiple squares.

A species can be determined by general observation, while the point counts help to determine how abundant they are.

The information gathered on breeding bird species and abundance is then added to the breeding bird database.

Ms. Sheppard is one of two volunteer regional coordinators for region 33, Manitoulin Island. The provincial breeding bird atlas is a massive undertaking. On Manitoulin Island alone, there are 77 individual squares.

From 2001 – 2005, for Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas 2, volunteers put in 150,000 hours of atlassing.

Volunteering for the atlas is a "canary in the coal mine" effort.

With climate change and biodiversity loss looming over the planet, most people are now familiar with the saying "canary in a coal mine". The loss of a species, be it a bird, a fish, an animal, a plant or an insect, can be an indicator of significant problems with that species' natural habitat.

Barn swallows are on the species-at-risk list in Canada. The Manitoulin Streams webpage shows them as threatened on Manitoulin Island.

Mike Cadman has coordinated Ontario Bird Breeding Atlas one, two and three. Mr. Cadman says the barn swallow showed big declines from the 1970s to 2008 in Canada but numbers are now stable across the country, and it is likely barn swallows will be moved to the species of concern list.

In square 17TLL98, the barn swallow is one of 193 distinct breeding species expected to be found in the square during breeding season.

The breeding season is generally the last half of May to the end of June but it does vary by species.

Square 17TLL98 is diverse. It encompasses most of Ice Lake, the northern tip of Lake Kagawong and even nudges the eastern edge of Mudge Bay on the North Channel. There are lakes, swamps, shorelines, creeks, farmland, pasture, hardwood, softwood and mixed forest stands.

This square has not been claimed for atlas 3. To claim a square means to take responsibility for identifying breeding birds in that area.

Only a few entries can be spotted in the summary data for this square. Square data is accessible to anyone through the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas 3 website.

Many squares have not been claimed on Manitoulin, says Ms. Sheppard, noting there is still lots of opportunity to get involved, even this year.

In terms of the province, "Manitoulin is such a unique environment so it's an important piece of the puzzle that we don't want left behind," Ms. Sheppard adds.

John Diebolt is a key volunteer for the breeding bird atlas on the Island. He participated in atlas two and has claimed two squares east of Mindemoya and west of Sandfield.

Mr. Diebolt spends about four hours each week during the breeding season looking for birds in the two squares. He spends another two hours entering his observations into the breeding bird atlas webpage.

He is quick to note that anyone, anywhere, in Ontario can contribute to the breeding bird atlas by uploading their observations to the breeding bird atlas webpage.

In fact, most of the entries for the Ice Lake square are from birdwatching tourists travelling through, says Ms. Sheppard.

Ms. Sheppard encourages anyone on the Island who has local bird knowledge to participate in the atlas. Reporting a visual sighting of a bird building a nest or feeding its young on your property really boosts the data in the survey.

To protect their nests and young, barn swallows fight off crows and gulls and other predatory birds.

They are high energy birds that look a bit like a pair of scissors in flight.

Barn swallows are an important part of the Ice Lake ecosystem. They provide natural pest control, eating 60 insects per hour for a daily total of 850 insects.

Their abilities in natural pest control are believed to have led to the old farm superstition that if a swallow's nest was damaged, cows would stop producing milk or chickens would stop laying eggs. Having a swallow nest on your property is considered lucky by many.

Barn swallows nest locally in the hundred-year-old barns of Ice Lake. This information is important to the atlas says Ms. Sheppard.

Besides the environmental imperative, Ms. Sheppard, Mr. Diebolt, Mr. Cadman and the hundreds of other volunteer bird watchers across the province participate in the breeding bird atlas because they love birds and find them fascinating.

Mr. Cadman says about his decades long commitment to the atlas, "it is the simplest way I can use my knowledge for science and conservation, "the data is immediately available to scientists."

Data from volunteer citizen scientists helped identify the collapse of the bald eagle and other predatory bird populations in Ontario in the 1980s. Conservation efforts were taken to save these birds and data from the volunteer observations for atlas two confirmed the populations were bouncing back.

Early data from atlas three shows these species are thriving says Mr. Cadman.

There are many ways to get involved on Manitoulin in the breeding bird atlas, says Ms. Sheppard.

"If you have a car and you can drive, you can do it. If you have property and can make observations, you can do it."

One of the easiest ways to get involved, said Ms. Sheppard, is to contact her and get set up with a recording device. "Press record and state your name, location and time and record bird sounds for five minutes," says Ms. Sheppard.

The sound files are uploaded and a specialist skilled in identifying birds by ear will do the rest of the work.

These simple recordings can make a huge difference in filling in information gaps in the atlas.

The map of Ontario on the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas website is overlaid with the 10 by 10-kilometre squares. The squares do not align with any roads or political boundaries.

Nature and birds, indeed all life on the planet, defies human-made boundaries.



Barn swallows build nests in the rafters and under the eaves of barns and sheds.

The barn swallows make mud nests in the rafters of barns throughout Canada in the spring. In the fall, they fly thousands of kilometres to South America, then return again the next spring to breed.

Ms. Sheppard hopes the data from the breeding bird atlas will help us, as a society, make decisions to stop habitat loss and, indeed, facilitate habitat gain. Healthy habitat is essential for biodiversity.

She reflects on the idea of a shifting baseline and asks, "How many birds would I have heard 50 years ago, and how many birds will my children hear 50 years from now?"

If anyone is interested in getting involved in the breeding bird atlas on Manitoulin Island, please contact Anna Sheppard at manitoulin@birdsonario.org

To register or for more information on the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas 3 go to www.birdsonario.org.

Supply chain issues continue to delay mobile mental health units, but Noojmowin Teg team ready to move forward

by **Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Two mental health and addiction mobile units remain under construction while supply chain issues continue to delay their delivery. With the exception of a nurse practitioner, however, the team is in place despite the delay. “Everything is still going full steam ahead,” said Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Executive Director Danielle Wilson.

Most importantly, she told *The Expositor*, “We have a full steering committee now. They will be helping guide and oversee the communities they represent.”

“We’ve seen the need for mental health and addictions services increase during the pandemic,” noted Ms. Wilson. “This is a good time for the services to commence and be available for our communities.”

The mobile team consists of registered nurse and team lead Vanessa Brandow; mental health and addictions navigator Serenity Sandford; Carly Valiente, a registered social worker and psychotherapist, and Kristen Hanson-Still, cultural support and care outreach worker.

Ms. Brandow has been a nurse for the past 13 years, the majority of that time in acute care/emergency nursing in Espanola. The need for a more fulfilling role combined with a soft spot for those who with mental health issues led to a new career focus for Ms. Brandow, first in diabetes education and then in mental health. “I care,” she said. “I like being able to sit down with a client and having that one-on-one time.”

It’s not a matter of telling people how they should handle their situation or their anxiety or depression, she explained. “Sometimes they just want to be heard,

or the validation of how they’re feeling, that it’s okay to feel that way. It’s okay not to be okay.”

About one year ago, Ms. Brandow, Ms. Wilson and consultant Kristin Kathirevalu of Birchwood Consulting partnered with the Indigenous Primary Health Care Council to conduct community engagement and process mapping as part of the proposal development for the project.

“We did mapping on the Island to see where all the services are that are being offered, where the gaps are, and what are the barriers to accessing services,” Ms. Brandow explained. That took about six months. “We met with pretty much every program and service that offered some sort of mental health or addiction help.”

As mental health and addictions navigator, Ms. Sandford will do the initial intake and service navigation, providing internal and external referrals. Ms.

Sandford is used to navigating different systems and connecting people to services through the justice sector, as well as people in crisis due to mental health and addictions. She has a background in crisis work and used to coordinate the crisis response team for Manitoulin. Before that, she worked in justice. “My background is actually in law and policing and corrections,” she said. “I used to develop bail release plans and do intakes, things like that.”

Carly Valiente is the mobile mental health and addictions social worker. “From my understanding, my role will be to provide counselling services to individuals on the Island as required,” she said. “I’ll be working cooperatively with the client and the other mobile team members to create a plan based on the individual’s needs and goals.”

Ms. Valiente developed

her clinical skills working in a variety of settings and uses a holistic, client-centred and trauma-informed approach in her work.

Ms. Hanson-Still has an honours bachelor’s degree in psychology and neuroscience and will help clients connect to healers at Mnaamodzawin for culture support and do peer outreach. “I will be helping within the communities and providing different education programs, connecting people back to more of a traditional approach versus western medicine,” she said.

She previously worked in the biomedical pharmaceutical industry, where she did a lot of education and networking with Island healthcare teams, specifically respirologists and family doctors. She also did volunteer work and research while studying for her undergrad in Ottawa and was involved with many mental health initia-

tives including mental health awareness week, and addictions and substance use awareness week. “That’s kind of where my passion is,” said Ms. Hanson-Still. “My career background, my volunteerism and education have kind of led me to where I want to provide a direct impact on individuals.”

One concern that arose during service mapping was the lack of services offered on the West End of the Island, and the distance those residents must travel to obtain services. The initial plan is to focus more on those areas, as well as to use ideas presented in a focus group one evening by persons with lived experience.

“Until we actually get out there and start this, right now we’re just envisioning how this is going to work,” Ms. Brandow cautioned. “Whether this is going to work when we get out to the

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Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We are one week closer to summer, but the township is already hopping! The Kagawong summer market is up and running every Wednesday from 10am-3pm, seasonal boat launch passes are available for purchase at the marina and town office, the Old Mill Heritage Centre is open for the season (check out their website at <http://www.kagawongmuseum.ca/> for information on hours and the latest exhibits), and the Late Bloomers have been busy beautifying the township with all the flower boxes. Take a stroll through the village and soak up the sun!

With so much going on already, Team Fergmeijer has been trying to come up with the perfect adjective to describe summer in Kagawong. We bought a dictionary for inspiration and brought it home to discover that all the pages were blank! We have no words to describe how angry we are.

Yesterday (June 21) was National Indigenous Peoples Day. Here in Billings Township, be sure to check out the Billing Connections Trail. The Anishinaabeg (Odaawaa, Ojibwa and Pottawatomi) occupied what is now Billings Township long before European settlers arrived. Archeological and oral evidence has established at least 10,000 years of Indigenous occupation on Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island). To learn more about the history of Billings’ original and settler inhabitants, visit the full series of historical plaques around the township, link to the QR codes on each plaque, and drop into the Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong, as well as the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M’Chigeeng First Nation.

There’s a new event on the horizon: join a fabulous lineup of speakers at the Jabbawong Storytelling Festival at the Kagawong Park Centre! The Festival kicks off July 9th with vendors at the market pavilion, a Museum BBQ, and storytellers at the Park Centre. On July 10th, the focus shifts to the kids with the Children’s Jabbawong Storytelling Festival. Stay tuned for more details!

The long-awaited used book sale supporting the local library is coming soon! Mark your calendars - July 23rd at the market pavilion you can browse row upon row of gently used books at bargain prices!

Speaking of books, if you are looking for copies of the reprinted/revamped *How It All Began* book of township history, the museum and the library are the place to get them!

Further on the subject of books, a friend of ours swallowed a dictionary today. It gave him thesaurus throat he ever had...

Team Aelick is Strolling for Liver again this year and you can show your support in multiple ways. Join them on Sunday, August 28th for the 5km stroll through the village, donate to the Canadian Liver Foundation, or stop in at the fundraising yard sale on July 2nd on Maple Ridge.

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of both Lori Graham and Barb Cretzman. Kagawong will miss these fabulous ladies. Our condolences to family and friends.

Team Fergmeijer was so bored last week, we decided to memorise six pages of the dictionary. We learned next to nothing. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Hello from Meldrum Bay. Lady’s Slippers are still out and the Manitoulin Gold on the roadsides is at its prime and is gorgeous. It is just such a delight to watch the season march by from one flower to the next. The poppies at the waterfront are still beautiful. I love flowers and love gardening. I did have beautiful healthy raspberries, but the porcupines came. The canes are broken down, some are bitten off. Sigh. I still hope to get some raspberries off of them. The worst part is that this happens every year. For some reason I thought that this year was going to be different. One thing that was different this year is that so far, I am beating the wildlife to my strawberries.

Tuesday was quilting and the making of disaster relief bags day at the hall. They will soon have to ship stuff out as they have prepared so much. It is amazing how beautifully organized everything is as well. I am so proud of what everyone has been doing and they are having fun getting together.

On Friday night Mildred Kelly was the high lady with 77 points at cards. High man was Harold Rogers with 68 points. Myra had ladies’ most lone hands with five and she had 86 points, so she won the money jar too. Sara-Lyn Arnot won men’s lone hands with four and she had 65 points. The most euchres were won by Guy Bigras with 12. The juice was won by Donna-Kay McDonald.

This week on Saturday, Meldrum Bay had a fundraiser at Karen Noble’s and a big thank you to all the bakers and workers who made the day a success. At the same time UCW had a sale at the hall so Silver Water was busy on Saturday.

Sunday morning Rose had a surprise call. Millie and Bob invited her to go with them to the Father’s Day Brunch at Shesheganing. Diane Jones went with them too. Rose said that it was great. As well as good food they had pies, cookies, muffins, pickles, quilted items, pillows and bird houses for sale. It was a very nice morning and Rose tells me that this is going to be a regular event on Sundays. Rose also told me she had a great time visiting with the people who were at the store today as well, Chad and his brother Whitney. I asked Whitney for some updates. He is very excited about their assortment of Manitoulin and locally made items that are for sale. Normally I get groceries and household items there, but he was mentioning that they also sell ice. They are hoping to have their LCBO licence in a couple of weeks and a hot dog stand up and running very soon. They are expecting to soon have ice cream. For entertainment they have a game there that I have not yet tried. It only requires quarters and is called Space Invaders. Whitney tells me if you need anything to call 647-427-5542. They have been very accommodating to local needs.

Saturday in Meldrum, Joe is having a Poker Paddle at Lily Lake. It starts at 10 am, \$20 per person. Bring your own kayak, canoe or stand-up paddle board. PFDs of course are mandatory. There will be prizes. For more information call Joe at 519-823-8988. Last year everyone had a great time.

Have a great week.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Doug and Donna Kay McDonald travelled to North Bay last week. Their granddaughter, Candice Gagne, graduated June 16th from Nipissing University with an ABA degree. ABA stands for Applied Behaviour Analysis. Candice is teaching as an Educational Therapist at Aspire Academy in Carp which is just outside of Ottawa. The school is a private academy school with all disability students. Starting in the fall, while working full-time, Candice is going to start online working on getting her master’s degree.

Jack and Alice Addison are at the cottage with their son, Mark.

Gladys Duncanson and I started swimming in Silver Lake on June 10. The water is still very refreshing this time of year.

Ted Lovelace’s granddaughters, Maddy and Charlotte, stopped here to introduce themselves. They are now living in Silver Water full time.

The UCW yard sale seemed to draw shoppers all day. They did well with their coffee and muffin sales as well.

Lee Alexander’s brother had a vacation at the cottage last week.

Jim Edwards has arrived at his cottage and plans to stay until September.

Lynn and Mike Tyler arrived at the Johnston cottage on June 16 and plan to stay for several weeks.

Quinn Delaurier arrived on June 16 at his cottage with his girlfriend and her mother.

Blake, Willow and Shelby Duncanson were here for the weekend with his parents, Murray and Gladys Duncanson. They had a big Father’s Day supper on Saturday night including some of the neighbours.

Alysha, Kinley, and Everly McDonald were here visiting Alysha’s parents, Randy and Lori Walker, for the weekend.

There were four full tables at euchre on Thursday night in Silver Water and on Friday night in Meldrum Bay.

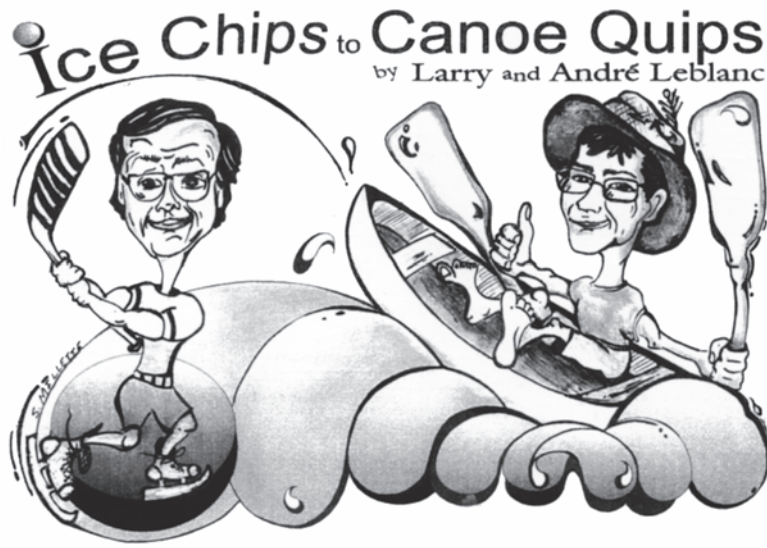
There was a successful market here on Saturday. The fundraising has now reached \$1,000 for the Gore Bay Medical Centre. The Market is open on June 25 from 9 am to 12 noon. The Market will be closed on July 2 due to the activities at the community hall.

The annual picnic is back this year on July 2. The theme is ‘CIRCUS’. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their yards and will receive a certificate for participating. Everyone is invited to enter the parade with a float, a bicycle or walking dressed in costumes. There will be baseball games scheduled for 3 pm after the children’s games are finished using the ballfield. Contact Paul Sheppard or me if interested in joining the ballgame, or just show up ready to play.

My brother-in-law Chad Chevette and nephews Colton and Jackson were at Silver Lake on Sunday to help some cottagers put their docks in the water. I understand they ended up with swimmers’ itch. I will be avoiding that area for swimming.

The big bin clean-up day for the residents of Robinson Township has been changed to Saturday, July 16th to avoid the long weekend celebrations. No solid metal items will be accepted.

The recycle bins will be open on June 25 from 1 to 2 pm. Happy 50th birthday to my sister, Aileen, on June 26. Condolences to the family of Dave Lang.



Current to Killarney is back!

The Little Current to Killarney CanoeFest is back on again after the Covid hiatus. The 34km race is slated for July 2nd and spots are filling up fast so drag that canoe tripper friend out, your work crew, or perhaps that land-lubber who is always up for an adventure. For more information visit: currentkillarney.com

Legion Meet highlights!

It is impressive that many Manitoulin athletes didn't stop training once their respective school meets are done. Those that didn't quit represented the Island well at the Legion Meet in Sudbury.

Some of the highlights included: **Maren Kasunich** broke two meet records! One in the U17 2000m Steeplechase (her first steeplechase race) and also the 3000m run. She also took home a gold in the 1500m! Outstanding, Maren! The U15 boy sprinters were well represented with a podium sweep in the 200m. **Rhyis Arthurs**, **Greyson Brewer-Case** and **Kohyn Eshkawkopgan** finished 1,2,3! Rhyis also took gold in the 100m with Kohyn finishing with the bronze in a photo finish with only 0.12 seconds separating 2nd and 4th. Kohyn had his PB in long jump, 100m, and 200m, (good for three Bronze medals). **Brooke Gibeault** finished with a gold in shot put, a silver in the 200m, and a bronze in the 100m. **Mya Balfe** jumped her way to a gold in long jump and a silver in triple jump. **Xavier Mara** took gold, as the only one brave enough to attempt the 1500m Steeplechase, silver in the 2000m and bronze in the 1200m. **Brodie Pennie** finished with a gold in the 3000m, silver in the 1500m, and bronze in the 800m. Dane Gibeault finished with a silver in the 300m. Alan Wilkin had two fourths (800m, 1500m) and Madison McCarville had a 4th in the 100m. Congratulations to all participants!

Heaven's Gate Trail grand opening!

The Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) and the many Manitoulin fundraisers/volunteers are inviting everyone to the EBC's opening of their largest, wilderness preserve to date, Heaven's Gate - Kitchitwaa Shekwaandem, on July 16th. The preserve contains 2,000 acres of wilderness between the La Cloche Mountains and Killarney Provincial Park that have been permanently conserved.

Interested people are asked to meet at 1 pm for a ceremony at the trail head (Gate 3 Parking Lot). The group can then take the new trail up to the beautiful vista on Mount Arabella. The day winds back downhill to the Whitefish Falls Community Centre for a reception from 5 to 7.

Pearson Cup was back!

Mindemoya was a very busy town this past weekend as The 40th Anniversary of Pearson Cup Mixed Blooperball took place. A total of 32 teams played some amazing ball on three diamonds in Mindemoya, yep, three diamonds. A new ball field has been overhauled at Central Manitoulin Public School. Thanks to **Greg Lockeyer** and his workers for spearheading this project! This weekend all these diamonds will see over 400 youths playing the game of baseball!

Teams travelled from Dundock, Toronto, Sudbury and of course lots of Manitoulin ballplayers! There were three divisions—Open Division with 20 teams, 35'ers-plus Division with eight teams and 40s-plus with four teams for the total of 32 teams! It was a great weekend of catching up with old friends and meeting some new friends!

Thanks go out to the Pearson Cup Committee of **Karlene Scott**, **Bruce Wiggins**, **Jeff MacKenzie**, **Greg Lockeyer**, **Joe Cranston**, **Shannon Drouin** and **Lauren Dewar**. Thanks as well to Mindemoya Curling Club who operated the Beer Gardens and Dance, **Greg Towns**, **Mark** and **Lynn Love** and all their workers. AJ Bus Lines for organizing the bus to pick up the ball teams and bringing them safely to and from the Dance. **Carmen Runnalls** for being the amazing bus driver! To **Kyra Lanktree** for running the food booth all weekend as well as organizing all the umpires. Finally, to all of the umpires and all the wonderful fans who came out to watch!

Dance season wrap

Saraya Eshkawkogan wrapped up a fantastic Competitive Dance season this past weekend. After eight months of training, she and her team successfully competed in three competitions in Southern Ontario with nine different routines, performed at a Sudbury 5 game and finished with four performances in two days at College Boreal.

With their nine routines covering seven different dance styles (acro, ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary, jazz funk/hip hop), Saraya and her team always left the audience grooving along. Their 'Every Child Matters' group routine didn't leave a dry eye in crowd wherever they performed. Congratulations Saraya, good luck next season.

Pike masters!

The Wiikwemkoong Anglers hosted yet another tournament on their extensive calendar. This past weekend, Northern Pike was the target species for the virtual, catch-video-measure-release, format. Taking first with a two-fish-total length of 67 inches, netted \$400 for **Lorne Agawa** and **Alex Shigwadja**, **Michael Ramsdin** and **Jimmy Mahew** were second (with 61" for \$265) and the third place team of **Aaron Recollet** and **Leslie Recollet** (55.25" and \$175). The next event on deck is July 2nd.

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The Pearson Cup returns!



The 35'ers A Champs!

The Pearson Cup 35'ers A division winners were the I'd Hit That team. Team Captain is Christa King.

photos by Karlene Scott



The 40s Division A Champs!

The Pearson Cup 40s A Division winners were the Refills. Team Captain Kara Jill Thibault accepts the award, (Unfortunately the team was not available for photo).



The Pearson Cup open division A Champs!

The Pearson Cup Open Division winners were the Aces of Bases. Team captain is Erin Peltier Morrison.

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Manitoulin posts excellent results at Legion track and field event

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Several Manitoulin Island athletes posted excellent results at the Royal Canadian Legion H track and field meet, held at the Laurentian University track in Sudbury.

The Manitoulin delegation was led by Maren Kasunich, of Manitoulin Secondary School. She was first in the girls' 17 and under 1,500 metre run in a time of 5:10.84, first in the 3000 metre run with a time of 10:55.47, and first in the 2,000 metre steeplechase race in a time of 7:41.75

Mya Balfé took first place



Maren Kasunich was first in the girls' 17 and under 2,000 metre steeplechase at the Royal Canadian Legion H track and field meet held in Sudbury.



Manitoulin athletes were in fine form at the Royal Canadian Legion H track and field meet held recently in Sudbury.

in the girls' 15 and under long jump with a jump of 4.23 metres. She also placed seventh in the girls' 15 and under 200 metre run.

Brooke Gibeault, representing Track North, placed second in the girls' 17 and under 200 metre run with a time of 28.66 seconds.

In the boys' 15 and under

100 metre run, Rhyis Arthurs was first with a time of 11.95 second with Kohyn Eshkawkogan in third in a time of 13.08, and Greyson Brewer-Case fourth, in the time of 13.16

In the boys' 15 and under 200 metre run, once again Rhyis was first in a time of 25.53. Greyson and Kohyn finished second and third

with times of 27.17 and 27.53 respectively. Dane Gibeault finished in fifth in a time of 28.54.

In the boys' 15 and under 200 metre run, Manitoulin runners took the top three spots. Rhyis was first in a time of 25.53, Greyson second in 27.17 and Kohyn third in 27.53. Dane was fifth with a time of 28.54. Dane was second in the 300 metre run with a time of 46.65.

Xavier Mara took first spot in the boys' 15 and under 1,500 metre steeplechase (no water jump), in a time of 5:43.13. He was second in both the 1,200 metre run (4:02.71) and the 2,000 metre run with a time of 6:50.68.

Kohyn finished third in the boys' 15 and under long jump with a jump of 4.65 metres.

Alan Wilkin finished seventh in the boys' 17 and under 400 metre run with a time of 59.59 seconds. Representing MSS, he was second in the boys' 800 metre run with a time of 2:14.62.

Brodie Pennie took top spot in the boys' 17 and under 3,000 metre run in a time of 10:27.34. He placed second in the boys' 17 and under 1,500 metre run in a time of 4:42.40.

C.C. McLean primary Grades track and field championship winners crowned

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The primary grades track and field championships were held at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay June 16, with some impressive results posted, including a new record being set in one of the events.

Rowyn Pfeifer, in the girls' eight-year-old division took top spot overall with a perfect score of 21 (having finished first in all seven events she took part in). Rowan also established a new school record in the 200 metre run, in her division. She posted a

garnered first place with 11.5 points. She was one point ahead of Breelynn Allison (10.5 points), with Cheyenne Allison with five points, finishing third. In the boys' division, Dawson Honess was first with 15.5 points. He was followed by Alex Woods with 11.5 points

in second place, and Nixon Lane third with seven points.

Suzy Dupont led the way in the girls' seven-year-old division, with 16 points. Finishing second and third respectively were Zuri Mwangi (14 points) and Lily Wiwchar (nine points). In

the boys' division Matthew Merrylees took top spot with a total of 15 points. Miller Bush placed second with 11 points, one better than Cameron Chaytor (10 points), who finished in third place.



This C.C. McLean public school athlete takes part in the running long jump, one of seven events students in the primary grades took part in at the track and field championships, held last week.

time of 38.31 seconds to post the new record, which had been set in 2010.

Placing second and third in the girl's eight-year-old division was Emily Deremo with 12 points and Aria Wright with nine points, respectively. In the boys' division, Brady King took first place with 17 points, followed by Kane Noble in second with 15 points and Nate Allison with three points in third.

In the girls' six-year-old category, three sisters took the top three positions. Aryanna Allison

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige

TESSA MERRYLEES

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Tessa is an all around athlete who has really enjoyed her first year at Manitoulin Secondary School. She has been participating in a variety of sports since elementary school. Living in Gore Bay, she attended Charles.C.McLean. Here she played volleyball, soccer, 3-pitch and some track and field events. Outside of school during this time she also played hockey at the house league level. She has played for the Gore Bay Bruins since the Tyke age group and continued to play every year since then.

Tessa says she enjoys playing sports because they are an enjoyable way to keep active, stay healthy and have loads of fun. She said that she could not possibly choose only one sport as her favourite as she likes them all. She does admit however, that this year has been challenging to get back into the sports routine as covid protocols during her Grade 8 year caused a lot of sporting activities to be restricted.

As a new Grade 9 student, Tessa has eased into Mustang life by joining several sports including tennis, badminton, and track and field. She and her mixed doubles partner (Cash Duchene) placed first at NSSSA (North Shore Secondary School Athletics) for Badminton in Espanola, qualifying them for NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics) in Sudbury.

After a relatively short but successful season on the badminton court Tessa was excited for the opportunity to continue swinging on the tennis court. For 2022 Tessa claimed a silver medal at the North Shore Secondary School tennis championships. This time she had the help of her doubles partner, Grace Pennie.

Most recently she placed first at NSSSA Track and Field for the 80m hurdles and triple jump for her age division. This was definitely her highlight this year. She explains how she hasn't been able to do track and field in a long time and has never tried the hurdles, so it was a very fun experience! Next year along with these sports Tessa also wants to try out for the girls' volleyball team and join the gymnastics squad as well. She is sure to be in for a busy grade 10 year.

When Tessa isn't playing competitive sports she enjoys other activities such as being outdoors, swimming, going on walks, kayaking and practicing her art. She also has several pets that help keep her active as well. Her two dogs, Sarge and Roxy love to play fetch and as any dog owner knows, it is important to tire them out so you and them can have a good night's rest. She also has a cat named Angel who doesn't necessarily keep her active but is good company. You can find her working at her part time job at Dean's Valu Mart as well. This year she joined the robotics team because she was curious as to how the business side worked, hence being a part of the robotics business team.

When it comes to school Tessa says that her favourite subject is art, it allows her to be creative and she enjoys being able to express herself through drawings, painting and other art mediums. When it comes to her post-secondary, Tessa is giving thought to a couple of options. Her participation on the robotics team has stirred an interest in the medical technology field but is also equally interested in the business sector. The good thing is that she has some time to investigate them further and perhaps sign up for a cooperative education course in either field.

One person in particular that Tessa finds inspiration and looks to as a role model is her dad. She explains how he has always been there for her and even if it was late or cold outside and she wanted to practice some skills he would always be there for her support and help in any way he could. We all need those 'coaches' that take that extra time to help sharpen those skills!

If you happen to see this Manitoulin Mustang, please wish her the best in all her future endeavors! Let's go Mustangs!

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...Historical Society celebrates purchase of Michael's Bay townsite property

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time the MBHS had paid the purchase price, legal fees and taxes the purchase was over \$7,000.

"That is pretty reasonable," stated board member Eleanor Lentir.

"The other thing I am quite happy is that Jean McLennan, who had been involved in all of this, was still alive to hear that the property had been purchased," said Mr. Sagle. "She always said, 'whatever you do, do something with that property'."

"So, the next question to be asked is, what are we going to do with the property?" said Mr. Sagle, noting his nephew, who is a surveyor, "will be coming to Michael's Bay and will be plotting out the property so we can plan out the streets and properties," continued Mr. Sagle. "We own 80 percent of the property to the gravel pit and 50-60 acres to the river and over."

"The first thing we need to do is have the surveyor carry out his work and find out where everything is, and then go from there," said Ben Lentir, vice president of MBHS.



Ed Sagle, seated, president of the Michael's Bay Historical Society and other members of MBHS look at a map that shows the original Michael's Bay townsite property that the group has purchased.

Mr. Sagle explained that, now that MBHS owns several streets in the old town, including King Street, "there are all kinds of different things we can look at doing. My nephew will lay everything out on a big map where things are, then we can look at a cleanup and eventually putting up street signs and plot out where the buildings were on the property."

"We can plot them out and maybe we will be able to restore a couple of the buildings," said Mr. Sagle, noting that when the original houses and buildings were constructed, they were board and batten houses. If you look at

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building. "It's a Catch 22 as prices have gone up everywhere, on everything. And we don't know what the future is going to bring if things are going to get better or worse in terms of costs and inflation. But I think we should move forward with a decision."

"I appreciate the comments made by staff in their memorandum is that we have a growing population in the township, and with it comes increased demand for services, including for fire protection services," said Councillor Barker. "The bottom line, as indicated in the staff memo, is that a comprehensive renovation of the existing firehall will result in a much-improved building, provide better health and safety for the firefighters and will demonstrate some relative improvement in energy efficiency. It will provide exactly the same level of functional service as the existing building, with no expansion of service space and there is no room on the existing property to expand service space in the future."

"What we were faced with in the other two options that we had to consider were proposals that the township can't afford (including a new building being constructed)," said Councillor Barker. "We picked the least expensive. I'm in favour of the resolution and moving forward on this project."

"The firehall is an important municipal office," said Councillor Michael Hunt. "We rely on the fire department to provide fire protection and they do an excellent job. The township population is growing, probably the fastest of any municipality on the Island." Councillor Hunt went on to list all the improvements that the fire hall will receive with the renovations, adding, "I think all of these renovations will help to make a great addition to the fire hall."

Councillor Sharon Jackson said, "as Councillor Barker indicated, this issue has been on council's plate for quite

some time. I think it is important to move forward, so the firefighters have safe, usable space to provide firefighting services."

"And our community is growing, based on the 2021 census statistics," said Councillor Jackson. "It is important that we move forward. Our firefighters need a safe, healthy place to work from."

"The fire hall is really important to the township," stated Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack. "Our township is growing and what to do with the fire hall has been an issue for several councils over the years. The firefighters have been gracious in waiting for improvements to be made and it would be nice for them to be able to work in a nice, renovated building."

"I agree," said Mayor Anderson. He said that, regarding the ballooning prices of everything like materials and labour, the US inflation rate is now at eight percent and Canada is not far behind. "So, there are no guarantees that prices will increase or decrease. I don't see things changing and things could get even more expensive for these type of things."

Mayor Anderson noted there have been no funding sources made available for municipalities for new fire halls during the entire term of this council. "While the township has accomplished a lot over the past four years, the fire hall is still in disrepair, and is somewhat embarrassing. We need to do something to make it safer, health and safety wise, for our firefighters."

"We can't afford a new fire hall because almost all the costs would be borne by municipal residents," said Mayor Anderson. "But repairs and improvements need to take place."

Council was unanimous in voting in favour of moving forward on the issue with Tulloch Engineering providing engineering services for the firehall renovations.

...Gore Bay debates policy on subletting marina slips

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this forever. It would not be good business," he observed.

Mayor Osborne said currently the town doesn't have a policy in place on people subletting slips at the town marina. "We need to look at something that is balanced and put something together going forward. And one of my concerns is how is it going to affect insurance? If you are renting your boat to someone, similar to a house, their insurance company will want to know this is taking place."

"There are two months left in the boating season. Let's take our time and do this right," said Councillor Woestenken.

"People who take a slip out for the summer and live on their boat should be able to enjoy their privacy," said Councillor Blodgett.

Councillor Blodgett told The Expositor after the meet-

ing, "It's an important issue because people are paying a lot for their seasonal slips and don't want new people to be moving into the boat beside them every night, having parties and creating a lot of noise. It is not fair to the people who pay for a seasonal marina slip."

Mayor Osborne said, "there is someone advertising that people can rent their boat and space for a weekend or a week at a time. With a bed and breakfast, under zoning bylaw, the owner of the house must live there and is basically renting out their rooms to visitors. They are paying taxes, water and sewer to provide this. We don't have a similar policy in place for someone who wants to rent out their boat or space at our marina. Staff will be looking at what other municipalities have in place for this and this issue will come up again before council. I would expect we will be putting something in place in terms of a policy on this issue."

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Art film DADA to shoot on Manitoulin this fall

by Michael Erskine
PROVIDENCE BAY—Central Manitoulin has passed a motion to facilitate the filming of an art movie, 'DADA,' by providing a lease on the Providence Bay Hall with the full blessing of the Providence Bay Community Centre Board.

The motion, "that council allows a reduced rental rate for the Providence Bay Hall for the eight-week period from September 5, 2022 to October 28, 2022 for \$4,554.82 + HST to DADApicture Corp" was moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Angela Johnston.

Councillor Stephens supplied that the community centre board had no objection to the short-term lease.

"We're feeling really lucky to be able to make a movie on the Island," said director/screenwriter

Canadian actor Aaron Poole when contacted by The Expositor. "We plan to be mostly in the area of Providence Bay for September and October. The film is a small budget art-house feature length fiction called 'DADA'."

Most of the details of the production are still being ironed out, noted Mr. Poole, but he did supply a short synopsis of the film's premise. "In 'DADA,' a young teen and her father take a road trip to a cabin on the eve of her 16th birthday," he said. "A nonsense game, born out of their distinctive playfulness, escalates into a power struggle when the girl pretends she can 'no longer see' the father. An only child, the girl has long fought between compassion and codependency with her overly eager divorced dad. Its seeming ridiculousness is her

game's special power: it uses absurdity to wear down the father's authority and open new possibilities for their future."

Mr. Poole said that "at some point we will reach out to locals for help on cast and crew," but added, "for now we are preparing for our stay and will do everything we can to be good company in your home."

The producer will likely be more familiar to Islanders as a Canadian actor. Classically trained, Mr. Poole stars in the CBS/ROKU series 'Most Dangerous Game' alongside Christopher Waltz. He has also made regular appearances in 'Copper,' 'Strange Empire' as well as guest appearances in 'Schitt's Creek,' 'American God' and 'Condor.' He has received recognition from the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television for

his lead roles in 'The Beautiful City' and 'Strange Empire.' He has also starred opposite two other Canadian film icons, Keifer and Donald Sutherland ('Forsaken') and starred as Mick Ronson in the David Bowie picture 'Stardust.'

Mr. Poole is no stranger to the director's chair, making his debut with the short film 'Oracle,' which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and screened at several other festivals. The feature film 'DADA' will be his next directorial project.

'DADA' was one of 29 films English and French language productions funded by Telefilm Canada in 2021. The production company is DADApicture Corp.

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Our thanks and appreciation to everyone for your kindness and support over the past four years.

We thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and food during this time.

A special thank you to all the doctors, nurses, homecare workers on Manitoulin and Sudbury, all paramedics of whom John was so proud for donations to charities in his memory, our family, friends and neighbours, church family, Father Prebble, Stewart and Sheila at Simpson Funeral Home, Piper Paul McDonald and Janis at the Flower Hutch.

We will always remember and remind you, "our door is always open and a kettle on the boil."

Arlene McQuarrie and Clan



Risley comes to town
The Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Samuel Risley typically visits these parts during the winter months, but the vessel stopped into the Port of Little Current on Thursday last week and showed off its impressive size.
photo by Michael Erskine

...Historical Society celebrates purchase

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where the old mill used to be, there is a sluiceway and maybe we can get Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association and the ministry (natural resources) to help us out and maybe restore this."

"Maybe, in time, we can have an information booth built in the area. The only problem with the property right now is that people think the property is not owned and can be used for camping and fires," he added.

It was suggested the property could be fenced and gated off.

"With a sign that indicated who the property belongs to," said Mr. Lentir.

Once the surveyor has completed his work, Mr. Sagle suggested a work day can be scheduled to clean up the property. "We would probably get a lot of people out to help out. And we need young volunteers to help out, and some people who have and can use a chainsaw would be welcome," he said, noting that there are cedar trees as tall as 10 feet in the middle of the property.

"We need to clean up the cemetery areas as well, but at this point we don't know what all the regulations would be about cleaning up the trees and other things in the cemetery areas," said Mr. Sagle. He pointed out that MBHS will be able to apply for funding for future projects. The MBHS is a registered not for profit corporation.

"The OHS (Ontario Historical Society) is willing to help and would be able

to guide us as to who we should be contacting," said Mr. Lentir.

"Rob Leverty of OHS was so happy that we got the property," said Mr. Sagle. He suggested another thing that could be looked at is having a hiking trail set up from Michael's Bay that could stretch right through to South Baymouth.

Paul Bowerman, MBHS treasurer informed the group later in the meeting the actual total cost to purchase the property was \$7,459.32. He said the group has almost \$9,000 available for the group to use as of May 19. A motion was moved by the MBHS membership to accept the treasurer's report.

Nominations and elections for executive posi-

tions was then held, with Mr. Sagle agreeing to remain as president, Ben Lentir will remain as vice-president with treasurer Paul Bowerman and secretary Jane Tilston to continue on for another term.

"I think we will be getting a heck of a lot more interest from more people now that we own the property," said Mr. Lentir.

"The first thing we need to have done is to get the survey done so we know where everything is located. Then we can get a plan done of what we want to do on the property," said Mr. Sagle.

The MBHS meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the South Baymouth museum.

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...Sheshegwaning, Gore Bay schools' students create 'Heart Garden'

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It is so exciting."

"Today, our community garden is remembering the children who attended residential schools by creating this heart garden," said Linda Willson of WMCG. "We are grateful for having this land to help build community, to help grow good food for people and to help people grow their own food. We wish to acknowledge that we are on the ancestral lands of the Three Fires Confederacy of Anishinaabe, the Odawa, the Potawatomi, and the Ojibwe people. We are all treaty people. Our treaty with the Anishinaabe is the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. The Anishinaabe are still working in the courts, asking Canada to honour this treaty."

"In the spirit of reconciliation, we hope that there will be a fair answer for the Anishinaabe," said Ms. Willson. "We hope you will come and visit this garden from time to time and remember the children who never returned from residential schools; think about the promises that were made in the treaty and find ways to make peace with our troubled past."

To begin the ceremony, Ms. Hardwick, an elder from Sheshegwaning, along with St. Joseph's School Grade three student Yuma Cada, and Grade four students Landen Bell and Dustin Sampson, opened the project ceremony with a



Students work together to plant flowers in the Heart Garden.

smudge.

"I did smudging for a good start and to provide energy," said Ms. Hardwick. The group took part in performing a song, welcome the sun, and asking the Creator for a good day. "In the prayer I read, I asked for the Creator to join us and to give thanks for all that we have been given. Without water, there is no life," said Ms. Hardwick. "And I prayed in remembrance of all the babies and youngsters that were taken away from their families and homes and put into residential schools so far away they couldn't travel back to see their families. A lot of these students got sick or suffered physical abuse, they were homesick and, when most arrived at these schools, they didn't know how to speak English but were punished for not knowing the language. This is one of the things that were taken away from those young students who attended residential schools."

"I went to an Indian Day School in Sheshegwaning

and we were forbidden to use our own language. But the difference with what I went through, compared to what many, many others, is that I was able to go home after school," said Ms. Hardwick.

"I also prayed to the Creator, giving thanks for everything that he gave us," said Ms. Hardwick, "the plants, insects, birds, everything we have been provided on land and water. Without water, there would be nothing."

Ms. Hardwick and the Sheshegwaning students performed a water song.

"This heart garden is a way to remember all the missing children who went to residential schools," said Ms. Earley. "And to create a pathway and hope for the future. Each year, we will be able to replant the flowers we are going to put in the heart garden today."

At the garden (created in shape of a heart) entrance, the Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay provided a beautiful stepping-

stone. Ms. Willson said that garden was developed in four quadrants, representing the four chambers in the heart and the four elements that all living things depend on for survival. To the east, yellow flowers were planted which represent the fire and sun; to the south were red flowers representing the earth; to the west were blue flowers for the water; and the north, white flowers representing the air. Everyone on hand planted flowers or seeds, with some students having made their own hearts, and also paper and wooden hearts they painted that expressed words like 'love' 'hope' and 'every child matters.'

"This heart garden will be a beautiful remembrance with the purpose of remembering all the children who went to residential schools," continued Ms. Willson.

"We will be part of this every year," said Megan Middleton, a grade three-four teacher at C.C.Mclean

Public School. She and students presented a large heart to Ms. Hardwick.

The large painted heart read, "To Verna. Thanks so much for leading the cere-

mony today. We appreciate you and we look forward to seeing you again soon."

"We will plant this in our garden in Sheshegwaning," stated Ms. Hardwick.

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...Rumours of student sexual assault prompts MSS walkout

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"Sexual assault is a major problem for teens and a topic that I assumed the school board and school administration would want to encourage awareness of; however, this was not the case," said Mr. Ferguson. "Instead, school administration (following discussions with the school board) repeatedly told the teens that they were 'disappointed' in them. They even had the nerve to tell the teens' parents that they were disappointed in the kids."

"The school wasn't pleased," agreed Hailey. "We were told that if someone got really upset, we would be held responsible." Hailey and her colleagues held their ground, however, noting the provisions of the Criminal Code did not support the argument. "They kept saying it," she said, referring to school administrators, noting that the police officers pulled back from the claim that the students would be held responsible for personal upsets.

Hailey explained that she and her friends were concerned over rumours that allegations of sexual assault did not seem to be adequately responded to by the school, resulting in students not feeling safe.

"I must admit my own feelings of disappointment with the school board and administration for how they have dismissed these kids and their intentions," said Mr. Ferguson, "even more disappointed in their desire to not address the topic of sexual assault among teens—going so far as to allow the organizers to think that there could be legal repercussions if they proceeded with their protest. It is sad how opposed they were to a protest against sexual assault among students."

In the end, the students decided to go ahead with their walkout, proceeding from the school to just past the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services station and back to the nearby M'Chigeeng beach, where they spoke about their concerns, told stories about experiences without identifying anyone and talked about consent and what that means. "We provided trigger warnings," noted Hailey.

"We had time left, so we decided to walk back to the police station and back again," added Hailey.

The students took care to not invade anyone's privacy and made efforts to not cause triggers for anyone who might have experienced sexual assault, she explained.

The students timed their walkout to cause the least disruption to the school day and refrained from returning to class afterward in order to not cause disturbance.

Hailey said that the school has indicated that the presentations that were given at the school after their walkout were not related to their actions. "They said it wasn't because of us, but they brought in people to talk about consent and sexual assault the next week."

The Expositor reached out to RDSB seeking comment on the issue and the board's reaction to the event.

The RDSB communications office sent the following reply: "Rainbow District School Board values student voices. Students may express their viewpoint in a peaceful manner that does not expose students and others to risks involving health and safety, result in the destruction of property and hinder the operation of schools. When school administration learned about a potential walkout regarding sexual assault awareness, they followed up with organizers. We encouraged students not to interrupt student learning. While we value student voices, we do not condone that students miss classes to participate in walkouts.

"We encourage students to find other means to have their voices heard. For instance, participation in information/education workshops delivered by organizations with expertise in the topic of interest.

"When students indicated their continued interest in hosting a walkout, our focus was on safety." Asked if the administration detained students in the office with threats of retaliation should they go through with their plans, the RDSB replied: "When students indicated their wish to host a walkout, administrators worked with them to clarify the purpose of the walkout, ensure student safety, learn about the activities planned, engage in dialogue to gain context, and ensure students had accurate information.

"Sexual assault is a sensitive subject that can involve legal ramifications, privacy implications, reputational damage and emotional impact. Raising awareness of sexual assault may have unintended consequences, therefore, it's important that students who may have experienced this trauma be supported. School administrators worked with walkout organizers to ensure they had a level of awareness of the potential impacts."

Asked if the administration claimed the students would be responsible for any self-harm that might be triggered by the protest, RDSB responded "The OPP indicated that students could be liable if something happened as a result of the walkout" and requested The Expositor speak with the OPP for their perspective.

Asked if the administration had called in police officers to interview the students, RDSB responded: "Administration invited police partners to the school to talk to students about the safety aspects of the walkout, including road safety, personal information, and legal aspects."

Asked if parents called as their children were being detained and interviewed, RDSB responded: "Parents/guardians of the organizers were called to inform them that their children had indicated an intention to participate in a walkout, which means missing classes. Privacy concerns were also addressed. Students, parents and guardians need to be aware that a walkout is not a school sanctioned activity. Administration is responsible for ensuring students are safe on and off of school property. When students participate in a walkout, this diverts staff from the school as they are required to monitor student safety."

In response to the concerns expressed by the students, RDSB responded: "When students expressed an interest in creating awareness, school administrators suggested that hosting workshops as part of a school event, with trained counsellors available on site, would be a more effective way of sharing information."

As a result, MSS "welcomed community partners to the school on Friday, June 10. Manitoulin Family Resources, Mnaamodzawin Health Services and Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team delivered presentations to students about sexual assault. The presentations focused on facts and myths, consent and coping strategies. During lunch, students had an opportunity to visit booths to learn more about resources and services available in the community as well as speak to professionals individually." Asked what actions RDSB has taken to address alleged sexual assaults taking place at the school, RDSB responded, "Any alleged sexual assaults would be addressed within the board's Code of Conduct with the support of police. The

Code of Conduct is available on the board website."

The OPP confirmed that they did send two officers to the school at the request of MSS administration. A request for clarification on the allegations made by the students received the following response. "The OPP remains committed to protecting the public, keeping the peace, upholding the law and preserving public safety," responded Community Safety Officer Provincial Constable Tessa Kasch on behalf of the Manitoulin OPP detachment. "The main goal of the OPP is to maintain public safety for those individuals who wish to express their freedoms, as well as for the travelling public. We will take the appropriate actions to ensure public safety for all individuals."

Hailey said she was reluctant to speak on behalf of all of the students who took part, being just one of a number of organizers, but that they hoped their actions would lead to positive outcomes and a better understanding of what constitutes sexual assault, consent and how assaults impact everyone in the school community and beyond.

...Swing bridge stuck open in high winds last Friday

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full operation." The bridge opened at about 11:37 am on Friday after having been stuck in the open position for about an hour and a half.

Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands said as of Monday morning of this week, the town still had received no communication from either the MTO or Emcom (which has the highway maintenance contract with the MTO including staffing the swing bridge) as to the cause of the bridge having been stuck in the open position, or that the incident had even taken place.

"We don't know officially what the cause of the bridge being closed down is," said Mayor MacNevin. "I've put forward a few questions to the MTO on the lack of communication on this incident. When the event happened, we only heard about it when people were calling to say there was a problem and that vehicle traffic was backed up to the hospital in town and out on the highway past the arena. In fact, our public works crews opened up the recreation centre and alerted those in vehicles that they could take their children and pets there and get out of the heat while the bridge was closed."

Mayor MacNevin had been in Espanola at the time the bridge went out. "I received a call from our CAO (Dave Williamson) that the bridge was down and he had been told by an Emcom foreman that it would be out for three to four hours. Then about 20 minutes later, at around 11:30 pm, the traffic was flowing again."

"On Fridays at this time of the year the traffic to the Island is huge," said Mayor MacNevin. "You would think we would be contacted, that there would be some communication provided from the ministry as to what was going on to the town so we could at least alert people of the problem. Not only the traffic from the Island going off-island but think of someone driving from or through Espanola on their way to the Island and finding out they can't get over the bridge."

"I understand they didn't open the bridge to marine traffic until Friday night," said Mayor MacNevin. "I'm not very happy with the lack of communication we received. There has been an increase in the number of



Increasingly high winds could continue to pose a problem with the bridge swings for the over century-old historic bridge.

bridge failures over the past couple of years that has impacted traffic flow. As we know, there are a lot of people who visit the Island, and many who work off-island and these bridge breakdowns are happening more often. And still, no communication is coming forward. The communication is not there. We are still waiting response from the MTO and Northern Ontario Highways management. They could at least let us know when something goes wrong, but we've been given the impression that the ministry is not able to communicate that to the

town."

"And when traffic is backed up as much as it was Friday, what about ambulances or other emergency personnel trying to get through?" said Mayor MacNevin. "Our CAO has had no response to his inquiries to the ministry as of today (Monday)."

"We have sent questions to the MTO, looking at how to improve communications when these type of things take place," said Mayor MacNevin.

He also explained that a cruise ship, Pearl Mist, was delayed in getting passage through the bridge Satur-

day morning. "It was supposed to be going through at 7:00 am (with the town providing port security), but was delayed until about 12:30 Saturday afternoon." In this case, the large craft delayed passing through the narrows by the bridge due to high winds.

Rob Little, of Wally's Dock Service in Little Current, who is the port agent for ships coming in told The Expositor on Monday, "as far as I know, and have been told, high winds damaged sensors on the bridge when it was open, but I haven't confirmed this. They had the problem on Friday morning, but the Grand Heron was able to come in on Friday night. There was a delay for the cruise ship coming in on Saturday (because of the wind), and the bridge was opened again on Sunday for a cruise ship."

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...Wiikwemkoong Junior School students launch book, 'Ice Fishing With Nimkii'

...continued from page 1 recruited from the community and work with students in person every day at the school. The ELIs can be seen in conference in the classroom and at home with families through smartphones during the video. The second resource is virtual volunteer reading coaches, employees from companies that sponsor the initiative, who call into the classroom for 30 minutes once per week at a dedicated reading station that Innovations for Learning installs in the participating classrooms. The volunteers utilize a custom web application Innovations for Learning developed called TutorMate.

Gathered in a semi-circle in front of a big screen monitor and interacting through the use of a laptop, the students participating in the program met as a group and individually with their volunteer mentors in an event that took place before the launch of a book, 'Fishing with Nimkii,' the students themselves had a hand in writing.

Nimkii Lavell, the "Nimkii" title character of the book, was on hand for the special noon book launch at the school and took part in reading the book to the students.

"I am excited about it," laughed Mr. Lavell when asked how he felt about his new-found fame in print. "I think it represents an opportunity to be involved



As part of the book launch, Junior School students had the chance to chat virtually with their literacy mentors.

photo by Michael Erskine

in a community literacy project with our young people," he said. "Especially in a way that reflects their community."

Mr. Lavell noted that the character he has created as a teaching tool for engaging youth with the land and their traditions doesn't stray far from his own personality. "It's the way I have been doing my own teaching in working with students," he said.

Mr. Lavell said that he was pleased that the literacy program also deals with "the diversity of our people. Some Anishinaabe look like Nimkii, some might look like what they see on television. It helps portray our people in a real way." Eschewing stereotypes, the students get to engage with images that reflect their



Nimkii Lavell reads aloud from the book written by the students in which he is the main character.

own community.

"It is important that youth realize that we can follow our traditions and bring them into the modern world," said Mr. Lavell. "For instance, my ancestors didn't cut a hole in the ice with a gas auger, but I can. We are capable of moving our traditions from the past

to the present day. You can use the best of what is available, but we can still follow our traditions and heritage. This is a little story that does that nicely."

Mr. Lavell noted that "a big miigwetch needs to go out to all the people in the community that have shared their knowledge

with me and have been there as a resource for me to be able to share that knowledge, especially the Trudeau and Cooper families—oh, and a little shout out to the magic man, Stitch (Manitowabi). He has been doing this for a lot longer than I have."

Mr. Lavell shared that it looks like there are plans to create an entire series of books like 'Fishing with Nimkii.' Maybe the Magic Man will soon have his own place in print.

Innovations for Learning began over 25 years ago in the US, but has since expanded to several countries, including Canada.

The organization pairs employees within corporations with young learners who are at risk of having below-average literacy skills.

As reported earlier last year by The Expositor's Warren Schlote, studies have linked lower incomes to poorer literacy and future disadvantages. Median income in many First Nations is far lower than surrounding areas, such as 2016 census data which shows median income in Wiikwemkoong is roughly \$8,000 to \$10,000 lower than Manitoulin District, a pattern repeated at other First Nation communities.



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Leading up to September 30th – Orange Shirt Day and The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Noojmowin Teg Health Centre will be highlighting each of the Calls to Action. Noojmowin Teg Health Centre affirms its dedication to supporting former residential school students, their families, and communities of Mniidoo Mnising. **Kina Binoojiinh K'chipiitendaagozi, Every Child Matters.**

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CALL TO ACTION #32

We call upon the federal government to amend the Criminal Code to allow trial judges, upon giving reasons, to depart from mandatory minimum sentences and restrictions on the use of conditional sentences.

CALL TO ACTION #33

We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to recognize as a high priority the need to address and prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and to develop, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, FASD preventive programs that can be delivered in a culturally appropriate manner.

CALL TO ACTION #34

We call upon the governments of Canada, the provinces, and territories to undertake reforms to the criminal justice system to better address the needs of offenders with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), including:

1. Providing increased community resources and powers for courts to ensure that FASD is properly diagnosed, and that appropriate community supports are in place for those with FASD.
2. Enacting statutory exemptions from mandatory minimum sentences of imprisonment for offenders affected by FASD.
3. Providing community, correctional, and parole resources to maximize the ability of people with FASD to live in the community.
4. Adopting appropriate evaluation mechanisms to measure the effectiveness of such programs and ensure community safety.

CALL TO ACTION #35

We call upon the federal government to eliminate barriers to the creation of additional Aboriginal healing lodges within the federal correctional system.



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...MSS, CMPS both achieve top standing EcoSchool awards

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"This year, we were well above the platinum certification of 100 points, having accumulated 150 points (based on a point system for all events/activities the school takes part in)," stated Mr. Theijsmeyer.

Mr. Theijsmeyer explained that some of the new initiatives in which the school has been involved this year include, "the grade nine eco-hero articles which are published in The Manitoulin Expositor, expanding our Earth Day activities this year, including planting about 70 trees," he said. The school also took part in a couple of events, picking up garbage in the local community. "Then we have standard programs like the Goos (good on one side paper) reusing paper initiative and raising bees."

"We have also created a no-mow zone on the school field, as well as hosting used battery collections, and organizing recycling events," said Mr. Theijsmeyer. "We're doing our best to help the environment, and every year we add a little more, to make everyone in the school a little more geared to environmental thinking and in decision making."

Cori Davy, a CMPS teacher who is involved in the environmental program at the Mindemoya school, pointed out this year's platinum level certification for the school is the third time it has attained this status.

"What didn't we do in the school this year (to benefit



Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students are shown planting trees on school property last year. MSS has been recognized as one of two schools on the Island to have attained the platinum level certification through EcoSchools Canada, the highest level a school can attain.



As part of its environmental program, students at Central Manitoulin Public School painted yellow fish at storm drains in Mindemoya to remind people not to put oil or gas into storm drains because of the affects this will have on Lake Mindemoya.

the environment)?" she said. "We held a clothing swap in school, so if students have any clothes that are too small, they could bring them into the school and swap for another clothing item."

"We planted a lot of fruit trees for our orchard in the schoolyard," said Ms. Davy. "We painted yellow fish at storm drains in Mindemoya to remind people not to put oil or gas into storm drains

as it ends up in the water, in lake Mindemoya where we get our drinking water. We also went on a water walk and event on Lake Mindemoya to acknowledge the importance of water in our life and to promise to further take action in our own lives to do whatever we can to maintain good water on Manitoulin."

Ms. Davy also pointed out the school once again held its composting program, litterless lunches program, outside day in October so hydro power is not used, the Goos reusing paper initiative and the school also increased its no-mow zone this year and increased its own raised garden items for a school harvest to be held in the fall.

"The students are really engaged in all of these environmental initiatives and when school activities are held, everyone gets involved and is engaged," added Ms. Davy.

"We typically open the environmental certification program in September,"


said Mr. Drinnan. "The really cool thing is that the last couple of years, there has been a reenergizing of schools applying for the EcoSchools certification program. There are about 50 themes/action they can participate in and which a school may want to achieve."

"In late September, the schools register for the certification program," said Mr. Drinnan. "And then, for each of the 50 actions they can take, each is worth a certain number of points."

"Our objective or goal is to make all actions under the program fit in with the schools and grades curriculum," said Mr. Drinnan. "So, it doesn't mean the school has to have an external environmental club, but just to have this as part of their classroom and curriculum. Then during the fall, winter and spring, the schools log into the ECA and in the May, the schools submit an application to us."

"We have an assessment team that reviews all applications and looks at all the actions schools are taking and learning," said Mr. Drinnan. "Both MSS and CMPS should be super proud of themselves. We encourage a lot of celebration and recognition for achieving platinum certification, for sure."

Mr. Drinnan added that, for this year, just over 1,400 schools in Canada applied for EcoSchools program certification, with over 1,000 being certified. About 330-plus schools achieved the platinum level designation.



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Manor holds first meeting with municipal leaders since pandemic

by Michael Erskine
MINDEMOYA—The first meeting held between the Manitoulin Centennial Manor board and Island municipal leaders since the start of the pandemic was held on Wednesday, June 15 and proved to be a low-key affair, highlighted by primarily positive news on what had transpired over the intervening two years.

The meeting began with Manor board chair Pat Macdonald introducing the

administrative staff in attendance to the two non-board municipal leaders (Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin and Gore Bay Councillor Jack Clark) who attended the meeting. Don Cook, the Manor administrator, had been hired during the pandemic, while Manor director of care Sylvie Clark and Extendicare operations manager Keith Clement have been familiar faces over the past few years.

Board members in attendance included Art Hayden, Dan Osborne and Dawn Orr, as well as the aforementioned board chair Ms. Macdonald.

Ms. Macdonald reported that the Manor has had tremendous staff turnover through the past two years. “These have been difficult times in many ways,” she said, noting that could also be said for many other nursing homes across the province. But unlike many other homes, the Manor has

been spared outbreaks of COVID-19 among its vulnerable residents.

At any given time, some Manor staff have tested positive, providing significant challenges in maintaining staff levels, but those incidents have been kept from impacting residents otherwise.

The Manor continues to have challenges in meeting the necessary staff levels to provide the new standards of care mandated by the province, but Ms. Clark reported that there have been positive developments recently on that front with the hiring of one nurse and the possibility of a second coming on board soon.

The Manor work environment and Island community have proven to be strong assets in attracting staff to the home, but like most other long-term care facilities across the province, challenges remain, not least of which is the disparity between the pay rates that can be offered by nursing homes to attract staff.

“Those rates are out of our hands,” pointed out Ms. Macdonald, referencing the collective bargaining con-

tracts that set those pay rates. Hospitals and private staffing agencies are able to offer much higher rates of pay.

Among the “out-of-the-box” approaches being taken by the Manor has been the renting of a house across from the home to house out of town agency staff brought in to fill the gaps in the staffing roster. Those agency staff come at a significant cost to the Manor for the aforementioned reasons.

On the brighter side of the ledger, as a municipally run home, the Manor is able to fundraise to supplement residents’ lifestyle and comfort, with the Tree of Lights campaign having proved incredibly successful, thanks largely to the efforts of former board member and fundraising co-ordinator Wendy Gauthier and the generosity of the community.

In addition to major dining room upgrades and renovations to décor that are largely complete, the Manor is also undertaking a major courtyard project that will provide a space for residents and family mem-

bers to gather outdoors.

Municipal leaders learned that the finances of the Manor are in solid shape and the home is at full capacity (with four beds still being held back to provide isolation should a resident come down with COVID). The government funds those beds as part of the pandemic strategy.

Ms. Macdonald noted that the Northeast Town is providing assistance in securing grants and other funding opportunities through its economic development team.

Municipal leaders learned that there are no plans to expand the capacity of the Manor at this time, although there had been some suggestions to do so in the past but the political will to do was lacking at the time.

The Manor now has an updated computer system in place, with wifi through the building and there is hope that promised increases in broadband internet access slated for the fall will assist in improving connectivity between the home and Extendicare’s administrative team.



A tasty day at the Manor

Orr’s Valumart owner Andrew Orr dropped by Manitoulin Centennial Manor to cook up a barbecue feast on the weekend. The Saturday event was enjoyed by the Manor residents along with some great summer weather. Mr. Orr brought along some samples of Galen Weston’s favourite juice as well as the burgers and potato salad. Pictured with Mr. Orr are Manor residents Dave Parker and Jean.

photos by Julie Omnet

...Decibel Coalition calls for motorboat decibel limits

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“It’s a big issue in larger areas,” said Mayor MacNevin. “We are kind of fortunate here. Even at the marina, we don’t hear boats causing a lot of noise. It seems the problem is with more powerful speed boats. Council passed a motion in support (of DC) but we haven’t had a lot of complaints on the issue.” He said NEMI and other Island locations get a lot more visitors using cruising boats.

Mr. Bosomworth said it will take Transport Canada between 20 to 24 months before new regulations could be implemented. “I can’t see why they wouldn’t do

this. They know it is a problem and they brought it forward. And they have engaged in public consultation on the issue.”

Mr. Bosomworth said, “we also started a letter-writing campaign with 2,000 letters and are sending them to 71 MPs across Canada. Transportation Canada conducted public consultation in April and May, and now the Coalition is encouraging Canadians to continue advocating for change by sending a letter to their elected officials while Transport Canada is making its decision for changing the regulations.”

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Aundeck Omni Kaning hosts first post-pandemic traditional powwow

by Michael Erskine
 AUNDECK OMNI KANING—A bustling record crowd joined in the festivities as the first post-pandemic powwow got underway in Aundeck Omni Kaning with the theme of 'Healing Our Spirit Through Culture.'

really appreciated all the support for our 30th annual powwow, everybody danced and really enjoyed themselves."
 Chief Corbiere offered a sincere miigwetch to all of the vendors and craftspeople who attended the powwow to offer their wares.
 "It was nice to see so many people coming and learning about our culture," said Chief Corbiere.
 The organizers of the powwow included Mandy McGraw and her committee members Christine Esquimaux and John



This jingle dress donated by Alicia McGraw to the community is dedicated to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Esquimaux.
 "We had 1,000 people on the Saturday, some coming from as far away as Guatemala," confirmed Ms. McGraw. She noted that there were 24 community members who volunteered their time to help make the powwow a success. "Without the volunteers, this couldn't happen," she said. "They are the most important."
 "The Canadian Armed Services personnel who visited the community were nice to have, they all danced and really seemed to be

enjoying themselves," said Chief Corbiere.
 The powwow had nine food vendors and 10 craft vendors in attendance and they were kept hopping as people lined up in droves for their powwow food favourites.
 Head dancers for the weekend were Michael Ramsdin Jr. and Mariah Abotossaway on Saturday and Mr. Ramsdin and Echo Nahwegahbow on Sunday.
 Host drum was Black Bull Moose and the emcee was Mista Wasis. Arena director was Robert Stoney-

point and head veteran duties were performed by Joe Endanawas.
 A highlight of the powwow weekend was the celebration of the donation of a special jingle dress (a healing dress), dedicated to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. "The dress was donated by Alicia McGraw," said Ms. McGraw. "We held a sunrise ceremony on Friday morning."
 The jingle dress will be displayed in a place of honour in the community.

...Live auction for Ukraine part of Little Current Canada Day celebrations

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 need it. It would be stolen." Then it came to him.
 "I am part of a worldwide meditation group (Ananda Marga Universal Relief Fund [AMURT]), kind of like yoga, with groups in countries all over the world," he said. "There is a group in Ukraine." Mr. Kopylov reached out and soon contacted members of the group in Ukraine. "This way I could work with people I trust."



The Expositor's Debbie Bailey and Rick McCutcheon show off this beautiful piece of faux stained glass donated to the auction for Ukraine.

were laying around into cedar planters.
 "I reached out to (Expositor publisher) Alicia (McCutcheon), and she really got things rolling," said Mr. Kopylov. "She contacted (Island auctioneer) Norm (Morrell) and made arrangements." The Little Current Business Improvement Association Canada Day celebrations provided the perfect venue for the live auction and, with a few well-placed advertisements, donations for the auction soon came pouring in.
 "Someone (Dr. Roy Jeffery) even donated a sailboat (the Turner vessel 'Barney')," said Mr. Kopylov. From oh-so-appropriate painted eggs to jewellery and a stained-glass window, there will be plenty to bid on when the hammer begins to fall, and

every penny will go to provide non-violent support for the people on the ground in Ukraine who need it the most.
 The auction will feature cedar furniture, works of art, solar panels, gift baskets, jewellery, antiques and a whole lot more. Those wishing to donate items to the cause can contact Debbie at services@manitoulin.com (705) 368-2744 or

George at george@manitoulintimberframes.ca.
 The live auction will take place on Friday, July 1 at 1 pm at Expositor Square in downtown Little Current. Norm Morrell of Norm Morrell Auctions will be officiating. All proceeds from the event will go to AMURT to provide on-the-ground social and psychological supports to the people of Ukraine.

AMURT is a global spiritual and social service organization founded in India in 1955 by Shrii Shrii Anandamurti (Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar). Since then, the organization has spread to every corner of the Earth. The mission of Ananda Marga is self-realization (individual emancipation) and service to humanity (collective well-

fare): the fulfillment of the physical, mental and spiritual needs of all people.
 That ground-level contact soon proved fruitful. A group of volunteers was set up to seek out and assist those most in need of help and Mr. Kopylov began sending whatever funds he could to the group. In return, he received photos

of some of the folks who are being assisted by the group.
 "But the need was so great I knew my contributions were not going to be enough," he said. Then the idea of holding a charity auction occurred to him. Mr. Kopylov and his employee Evan Roy got to work turning a bunch of wood odds and ends that



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Way to go, Central Manitoulin Public School Grade 8 grads! The graduating class of 2022 is, back row, from left, Ms. Alberti, Carson Stewart, Josh Selent, Lucas Brown, Venzel Fowler, Addy Gray, Tieren Noble-Stone, Phoebe Aeschlimann, middle row, Lily Mack, Samuel Pennings, Thomas Drummond, Rylan Carrick, Seth Verboom, Chase Auxier, Kohan Campbell, front row, Mya Balfé, Emery Watson, Allison Hallett, Grace Tuerk, Erin Spry, Elizabeth Elliott and Ava Corbiere. Missing from photo is Nate Raymond.

Little Current Public School



Future Mustangs! The Little Current Public School graduating class is, from left, Malakai Assiniwe, Xavier Coleman, Greyson Brewer-Case, Nano Moran Moreno, Kian Corbiere, McKenna Boyter, Rowan McGaughey, Ella Tasse, Prestlynn Biedermann, Maddy Latva-Aro, Garrett Charbonneau, Jack Carter, Skyler Corbiere, Kendall Boyter, Sean Toope, Julian Eadie, Taylor Goodfellow, Georgia Roy, Mack Simon, Marissa McGraw-Hill, Hailea Harasym, teacher April Aelick, Cole Laidley and Dawson Madahbee. Missing from photo are Kohyn Eshkawkogan and Dawn Marshall.

Lakeview School



Congratulations, Lakeview School graduates! From left, teacher Ashley Debassige joins the class of 2022 comprised of Riel Beam, Mya Debassige, Ayden Corbiere, Sunny Trudeau, Spencer Hare and Johnny Osawamick-Trudeau. Missing from photo are Christian Corbiere, Gnaajwi Migwans, Jaiden Ense-Rollo, Jarvis Lebrun and Jaymeson Schut.

Assiginack Public School



Congratulations to the Grade 8 graduating class of Assiginack Public School! Back row, from left, are teacher Joanne Peltier, Saveen Clayton, Sapphire Recollet-Case, Faer O'Leary, Jordyn Holmes, Dane Gibeault, Novella Therrien, Grace Size, front row, Kara Peltier, Cameron Meawasige, Rylan Pennie, Madison McCarville, Camdon Hoy-Saunders and Isabella Hughson. Missing from photo are Hayden Notto, Robyn-Ashley McNaughton and London Pitawanakwat.

Wasse Abin Pontiac School



Heading to high school this fall are this year's Pontiac School Grade 8 grads! They are, from left, Racheal Maiangowi, Atlantis-Rain Jacko, Oksana Nootchtaí, Matilda Mishibinjima, Hudson Jocko, Aaliyah Lewis, Noah Jackson, teacher Ms. Clarke, Eaden Simmon, Brady Recollet, James Dewing-Toulouse-Manitowabi, Indiana Flamand-Pitawanakwat and Emma Recollet. Missing from photo are Isaiha Oshkawbewisens-Recollet, Pahquis Trudeau, Jeremiah Kagige and Cole Jacko.

Wasse Abin Pontiac School



Congratulations to the Pontiac School class of 2022! The graduates are, back row, from left, Emery Manitowabi-Cooper, EA Jordan Trudeau, Tyrell Otsquaib-Shawana, Nicho Simmons, Conan Naokwegijig, front row, ASI teacher Juanita Pheasant, Longfeather Neganigwane-Longboat, Kobe Espaniel, Selene Assiniwe, Peyton Ominika, Aaliyah Osawamick-Scarlett, Baybee Bryant, Araya Aiabens, Sirena Trudeau and Grade 8 teacher Shauna Leeson. Missing from photo are Raine Manitowabi-Dube, Santana Jaskson, Salem Barnes and Leona Peltier-Desmoulin.

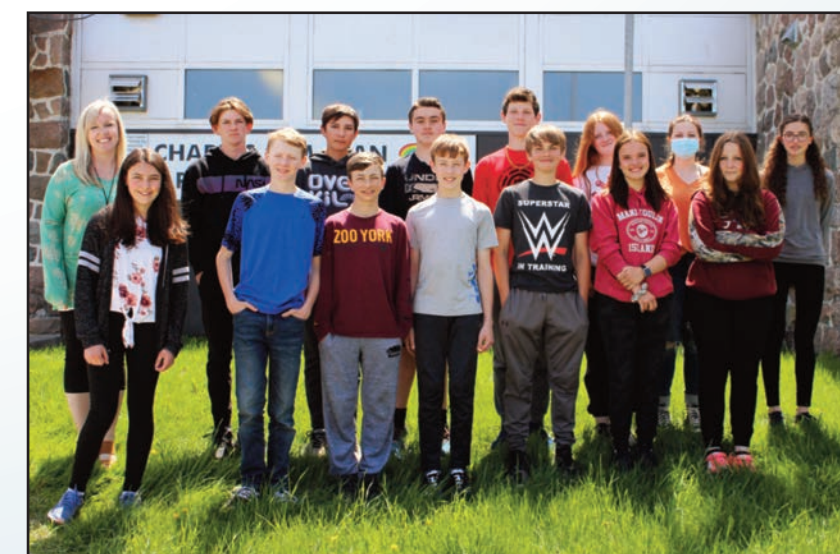
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St. Joseph's Anishnabek School



Small but mighty! Congratulations to Sheshegwaning's St. Joseph's Anishnabek School Grade 8 grads! From left is Bethany Shinos, Chloe Southwind and teacher Jessyca Orford. Missing from photo is Shyloh Antoine.

Charles C. McLean Public School



Teacher Courtney Lockyer, back row, far left, joins her Charles C. McLean Grade 8 graduates, back row, Ethan Witty, Kyle Nodecker, Landon Seifried, Dustin Meade, Melissa McQuarrie, Athena Gravelle, Fia Flanagan, front row, Lily Cunningham, Gage Patterson, Rylan Lock, Wyatt Williamson-Wright, Jackson Chevette, Amy Smith and Leah Heinen. Missing from photo are Greyson Orford, Asher Lanktree-Aelick and Naiema Joseph.



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Decolonizing Climate: *part I of a series*

Traditional Indigenous knowledge must be considered as part of climate change knowledge

EDITOR'S NOTE: The questions that are asked determine the responses. This holds true in terms of how we understand climate change. There has been a bias towards conventional Western science in terms of peer-reviewed research and the funding of it, with traditional Indigenous knowledge omitted because it doesn't fit that model. Indigenous people have a wealth of climate knowledge, in their lived experience, their language and their stories, that can lead to solutions for adapting to climate change and needs to be considered on a par with conventional science. Both have their place. Traditional knowledge also needs to be considered in a meaningful, respectful way in the development of climate change policies at all levels of government. Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Environmental Justice, Deborah McGregor, from Whitefish River First Nation, discusses decolonizing climate change with *The Expositor*. In Part I, we learn about biases in existing bodies of knowledge and in Part II, Professor McGregor shares her experiences as a member of various policy panels or committees.

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

BIRCH ISLAND—There is a huge bias in the existing body of knowledge around climate change, said Deborah McGregor, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous environmental justice and professor with Osgoode Hall Law School and the Faculty of Environment and Urban Change at York University.

That bias encompasses what we know about climate change, how we define the problem, and the silos created in understanding the problem. Vulnerability and risk assessment reports rely on the existing body of knowledge, published research that's been funded, conducted and peer-reviewed by a particular group of people. Traditional knowledge has rarely been considered, and working groups continue to include Indigenous persons as tokens, she said.

"Because my area is jus-

tice, Indigenous climate justice is something I think about a lot," she added "Equity and justice, how people are impacted, that hasn't really been considered (in past research). They didn't look at questions that were important to other people, although that's slowly changing."

Professor McGregor and co-researchers did a scan over the summer and into the fall to see if there is any research on Indigenous people governing climate impacts in their own community. "What's the impact on people?" she asked. "There's hardly anything because nobody asked the question. If we weren't asking the right questions decades ago or even 10 years ago, we don't have the existing body of knowledge."

For example, she was asked to contribute to Chapter 4 of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report that was released in February. Chapter 4 looks at climate change and water. The United Nations has been trying to include Indigenous knowledge in assessments since the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The IPCC was previously criticized for not doing so. Scientists don't know much about this topic, Professor McGregor said. "They don't engage with it very much. I was asked to submit at the last minute. Other people had years to work on this."

The task was to look at risk and vulnerability, climate change, Indigenous people and traditional knowledge. She was allowed 400 words to cover both Canada and the United States.

"They made it clear that these had to be in the title but I couldn't find hardly anything like that because again, people hadn't thought about it. They didn't ask those kind of questions."

Last summer she worked on another report with scholars from Canada, United States and Mexico, looking explicitly at governance. This time they were given two pages. They did find some examples, but she



Deborah McGregor, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous environmental justice with Osgoode Hall Law School and the Faculty of Environment and Urban Change at York University.

said it was very hard.

"There's huge gaps in our knowledge because of this decades old bias about what kind of research was funded, who was funded to conduct the research, and who hasn't been part of those conversations at all, said Professor McGregor.

She pointed to the IPCC definition of climate change: Climate change refers to a change in the state of the climate that can be identified (e.g., by using statistical tests) by changes in the mean and/or the variability of its properties and that persists for an extended period, typically decades or longer. The IPCC Sixth Assessment also made it clear that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land.

"Their definition of climate change is true," she said. "That's exactly what's happening. What I say is, that's not the only thing that's true. Why is climate change existing? It's because of humans."

Indigenous climate declarations, such as those by Turtle Lodge, Manitoba or the Chiefs of Ontario, say climate change is because of the kind of relationship that people have with the Earth. "People don't know how to behave properly," she said.

Indigenous people define the problem differently so their ideas of what the solution is are different. "We're saying in order to regain this connection to the land, we need to get

kids out on the land," she explained. "They need to know the language. Everything is about reconnecting and understanding what's happening to the natural world in order to be able to respond to it appropriately. When you define the problem differently, then your solutions are different."

Most people don't think revitalization of Indigenous languages is a climate solution but it makes perfect sense in an Indigenous context. The kind of work scholars are doing now is more holistic and recognizes that humans are part of the planet. They're trying not to think about everything in the siloed kind of approach that science tends to have towards things.

"I'm not saying that approach is bad," noted Professor McGregor. "What researchers are doing is helpful, but they don't have the whole picture. They don't have all the knowledge we need to have in order to come up with innovative and transformative solutions."

"Indigenous knowledge needs to be recognized as knowledge and a lot of times, it's not. You're just adding it on to something. It's not front and centre. One of our working assumptions is Indigenous people (I'm speaking for Canada but assume it's the case in other places as well) have had to have climate

knowledge. They've had to deal with things for thousands of years and have knowledge because a lot of the environmental change, which is also related to climate change, has been extremely rapid in Indigenous communities."

Not only has there been catastrophic change in our history, she pointed out, "particularly colonial history over the last however many centuries, but we managed to survive, despite genocidal policies and everything else. We managed to survive, so maybe we know something about survival that can help other people."

"We have lived experience and knowledge, so our solutions are different because of that. What's enabled us to survive to the present day? It wasn't other people's solutions because those solutions were intended to eradicate Indigenous people. It was our own knowledge and traditions, our ability to be a community, to have those values and to know what our own laws are, that contributed to our survival."

Think about the killing of the buffalo, the professor suggested. That changed the ecosystem dramatically. It was a source of food for many people, so that was a major, catastrophic change that people had to survive. And they did survive.

"A lot of our stories aren't recognized as climate

knowledge," Professor McGregor said. "We're not being asked to share stories but to look at peer-reviewed literature from the last five years, but to me, those stories are knowledge that already exists."

One of Professor McGregor's favourite stories, in her Anishinaabe tradition, is the pipe and eagle story. "You can look at that as a climate change story because it's speaking to disasters that are coming. It's not unusual for elders to say the problem is that people don't know how to behave properly in relation to the natural world. In most of those stories, that's usually why a disaster is coming and the way to avert the disaster is to get a teaching, some kind of intervention, usually from the natural world and to learn a lesson in behaving properly."

She looks at her work as trying to mobilize the knowledge that's already there into these other places and spaces. "It's already there and it can help address the big questions, and help develop plans for how to survive into the future. I call it how to self-determine your own future, how you determine what your future is in light of climate change. Those stories become really important."



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Island firefighters get opportunity to train on mobile fire simulator

by Michael Erskine
NORTHEAST TOWN—Firefighters from across departments across Manitoulin gathered at the NEMI recreation centre parking lot in Little Current recently to undergo training on a wide variety of “evolutions,” learning the best-practice techniques for tackling various fire scenarios.

“It was pretty well received,” said Northeast Town fire chief Duane Deschamps of the training. “We set a number of records over the course of the weekend.”

One of those records was for the oldest participant in the training. “I asked one of the instructors who was the oldest individual they’ve had go through the training,” said Mr. Deschamps. “He pointed to Paul Richer, one of our own NEMI firefighters. Paul not only went through once, I believe he went through a couple of times over the weekend.”

“It was really something,” agreed Mr. Richer, who has engaged many fires over the course of his firefighting career with the municipality. “It was very realistic.”

Firefighters from Gore Bay, Tehkummah, Billings, Assiginack and



Crews approach the fire simulator with an initial water attack.

photos by Mark Schraeder

M’Chigeeng took advantage of the opportunity to train on the mobile fire simulator.

“This was a great opportunity to take part in high quality training,” said Mr. Deschamps, “the unit provided invaluable training.” He explained that the unit set up in the NEMI rec centre parking lot is one of two in the province. “There is one in Northern Ontario and another in southern Ontario,” said Mr. Deschamps. The simulation units were envisioned when the Ontario Fire College was disbanded and have proven to be a welcome alternative—in some ways better than the college in that travel and accommodation for the firefighters is

not required, making the training very cost effective.

“There was no real cost, the training was free,” said Mr. Deschamps. “We only had to pay for a few lunches.”

In future, there may be some small costs associated with the training unit, primarily propane and smoke bombs. “The unit probably burns through around \$1,000 in propane over the course of the weekend, and maybe another \$100 in smoke.” Those costs pale in comparison to providing transportation, meals and lodging for trainees being sent off-Island to take part in a college.

The unit provided the opportunity to train on



Inside the simulator visibility was poor because of smoke, just as it is inside a structural fire.

seven different “evolutions,” among them basement fires, kitchen fires, search and rescue, attic fires and working in heat

and low to no visibility, with a very high degree of realism. “Really, it was all of the kinds of things you would learn at the college,”

said Mr. Deschamps. In addition, two very experienced instructors (one an ex-full-time Sudbury firefighter and the other a full-time firefighter serving in a southern Ontario department) were on hand to shepherd the firefighters through the evolutions. “Some of the guys from the other departments were very new,” he said. “I am not sure if a few of them have even been to their first fire.” Being able to experience a realistic training exercise will go a long way toward keeping firefighters experienced and new safe while tackling the real thing, he noted.

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communities with out buses, I don’t know.”

Referrals can come from (but are not limited to) family health teams, the emergency department, or a client can self-refer. The team will head to the communities with the most referrals or greater need. There will be two staff on each unit when they’re ready to go. “Again, it is referral dependent,” Ms. Brandow said. “If one community has more referrals for counselling and peer support, those two workers would be sent to that community. If on the same day we have more nursing and nurse practitioner-related duties needed on the east end, there would then be a second team heading out in that direction.”

The interdisciplinary team approach was one of the “really great parts about the program that got my interest, that team aspect, working together all from different backgrounds for a common goal,” Ms. Hanson-Still said.

They are still trying to recruit a nurse practitioner. The addiction medicine component (such as suboxone distribution) is dependent on having a nurse practitioner. “They are going to have a lot of say and direction as to where the program goes,” Ms. Brandow said.

A psychiatrist is attached to the program as well, who will see clients every Monday

afternoon. “That will probably be here, at Noojmowin Teg,” said Ms. Brandow. “Transportation can probably be provided, either by medical van or taxi service.”

The team will be attending Island events this summer, including powwows, to share information about the program. They attended an open house in Sheguiandah First Nation and received positive feedback around having more accessible mental health and addictions support. They were also well received at UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service’s recent open house in M’Chigeeng, where they had the opportunity to speak with the approximately 300 people who attended.

“It’s nice just connecting to communities and any individuals,” said Ms. Hanson-Still. “We can find out what they’re looking for, what they feel the need is and what the gaps are.”

“We set up a booth and share some information about how our program is going to work and hopefully, when we’re going to be up and mobile in our vans,” Ms. Valiente added, noting the program is accepting now.

For more information on the program or the nurse practitioner position, reach out to Vanessa Brandow at 705-368-2182 or by email, vanessa.brandow@noojmowinteg.ca.



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New federal and provincial funding for Experimental Lakes Area

Microplastics, tire additive research are key areas for 2022

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
WINNIPEG—New Ontario and federal funding for the IISD Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) in Northwestern Ontario provides some stability for the organization and enables continuation of key research in such areas as impacts of microplastics, impacts of tire additives and tire wear on fish species, and how ecosystems recover from acidification.

The Ontario government announced a \$9.5 million investment in ELA on April 14 and the federal government allocated \$25 million to ELA in its 2022 federal budget.

“IISD is incredibly thankful to the federal government for committing to this meaningful investment that will support and grow the operations of IISD-ELA—truly the world’s freshwater laboratory,” said Richard Florizone, president and CEO of IISD. “This multi-year funding is critical for the research needed to tackle increasingly serious threats to our fresh water like climate change and microplastics.”

“The experiments we’re going to have this year are a continuation of microplastics experiments,” explained Matthew McCandless, executive director of IISD-ELA. “We know microplastics are everywhere. They’ve been found everywhere in the world. They’ve been found even in ice caps in the Arctic. They’ve been found at the top of mountains, the bottom of oceans. They’ve been found in our blood and in our lungs, but we don’t really know what the physiological effects are or what the ecological effects of microplastics are. We know they are there, but we don’t know what damage they’re doing, if any.”

The work on microplastics is being done in partnership with Dr. Chelsea Rochman, University of Toronto. Microplastics will be added to small enclosures within lakes at ELA in various concentrations to see the fate and effect of those plastics. “What are they doing to fish and other ecosystem com-



Microplastics and tire additives are a growing concern on Ontario lakes and rivers.

ponents, and how much microplastics need to be there before the damage starts happening?” asked Mr. McCandless. “Our hope is that with government being quite concerned about microplastics, this will lead to new policies or new regulations, or new innovations to deal with microplastics to stop them from getting in in the first place.”

Other research starting at ELA this year is on a chemical compound called 6PPD-quinone. That’s an ingredient in tire making, Mr. McCandless notes. “It’s a tire additive and as tires wear, they leave particles on roads and then rain washes that into surface waters. There’s some suggestion that 6PPD-quinone is fatal to salmonids on the west coast. The experiment we’re doing is to look at what concentrations of 6PPD-quinone can do to fish species that we have, mainly fathead minnows.”

Both the microplastics and 6PPD-

quinone research are multi-year experiments involving many partners. In addition to the University of Toronto, Lakehead University and Queen’s University are working on both projects. The University of Texas is a partner in the 6PPD-quinone work. “Tires wearing down is something that happens all over the world,” said Mr. McCandless. “This effect was first observed just in the last couple of years and we’re already doing the experiment on it. We’re trying to get ahead of it.”

It usually takes a few years before results are ready for publication but there are often early indications, so there may be some early indications on the 6PPD-quinone work by the end of this year.

Work looking at how ecosystems recover from acidification is ongoing and benefits ongoing acid rain recovery work in Sudbury. Researchers are looking at how lake

trout and mysis, a microscopic shrimp eaten by young lake trout, recover from acid rain. “Acid rain was killing these mysis,” he said. It wasn’t necessarily killing other things in the food chain, but it was killing this microscopic shrimp species that’s at the very base of the food chain. Further up the food chain, bigger fish were starving because they had nothing to eat. “Once the acid rain is dealt with by the environment, ecosystems gradually recover but not in all cases, and we’re trying to understand why mysis haven’t recovered in all cases.”

Other ongoing work includes the use of nature-based solutions such as the effectiveness of floating treatment wetlands at reducing oil spill toxicity.

The new funding will also support expanded infrastructure at the research area, with a new building planned to increase capacity and support researchers with new classrooms and meeting space. It would also increase ELA’s overnight capacity by 16 people. Current capacity is 63 people and in 2018 and 2019, before COVID, they were regularly at 63. “Over the past few years, we’ve sort of reached our operating limit,” Mr. McCandless said. “Some research can’t get done because we don’t have the space.”

Ontario has provided an additional \$180,000 through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for design drawings and cost estimates.

“The ELA is the world’s most important freshwater research facility,” said Greg Rickford, minister of northern development, mines, natural resources and forestry. “The area is a living laboratory for critical research and scientific study that sustains healthy ecosystems for future generations. Our government is proud to invest in facilities such as these so that we can expand understanding of the critical changes in ecology over time, and continue our work building Ontario.”

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yard sale

Yard and Bake Sale, Saturday, July 2 from 9 am to 1 pm at Our Lady of Canada Church, 6289 Hwy 542, Mindemoya.

2-8p

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3-6p

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coming events

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3-6p

coming events

St. Bernard's Church is hosting a Meet and Greet on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Everyone is welcome for Mass at 10 am, greet at 11 am. Will be serving sandwiches and coffee, no charge. This is meant to help parishioners to reacquire themselves with our church and those who would like to see the ins and outs of our church. If possible, bring a friend, family or your neighbour. Meet Father George Gardner. Hope to see you there.

4-5p

coming events

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4-5c

Ice Lake Canada Day Picnic, Friday, July 1, 2022. Old-School Country Picnic at the Ice Lake Community Picnic Grounds, 274 Pleasant Valley Road. Potluck lunch, 12 noon sharp. Kids games, races, prizes, bazaar and auction, concession booth, pick up ball game. Meet old friends, make new ones. All welcome! Bring your own chair, reusable water bottle and utensils/dishes. Please no pets. Rain date: Saturday, July 2, 2022.

5-6p

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Feds invest in reconstruction and expansion of Killarney waterfront

KILLARNEY—Funding being provided by the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor) will go toward the reconstruction and expansion of the village of Killarney waterfront.

On June 7, Marc G. Serre, member of parliament for Nickel Belt and parliamentary assistant to the minister of official languages, announced a FedNor investment of \$157,500 through the Northern Ontario Development Program (NODP) in the municipality of Killarney. The announcement was made on behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of Indigenous services and minister responsible for FedNor.

“I am happy to announce this initiative, which will benefit not only residents of Killarney or the Nickel Belt, but all the future tourists who will visit the area,” said Mr. Serre. “Creating dynamic projects like this encourages both tourists and residents to enjoy all the great things this area has to offer. Not only will this improve quality of life by supporting the local economy, it will also help people connect to and enjoy their shared public space.”

The funding will support the Municipality of Killarney in planning the reconstruction and expansion of the main wharf on the waterfront. Specifically, the funds will allow the municipality to engage an engineering firm to undertake detailed re-engineering of the main wharf, which will include community design consultations. The project will create additional docking space for visiting boaters as well as tours and cruise ships while also providing event space for cultural events

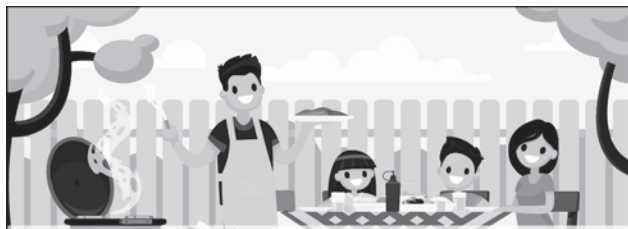
and an expanded seasonal farmers’ market. The improvements to the main wharf will expand local tourism infrastructure, stimulate the local economy, provide an upgraded shared space for public use, “and improve the quality of life of people and their families in the area,” a press release from FedNor states.

“This FedNor support is exciting not just for Killarney, but for anyone visiting the area,” said Nancy Wirtz, mayor of Killarney. “Investing in the gateway

to the North Channel will not only benefit our local economy and residents, but it will also benefit anyone

wanting to access the natural treasures around us. This project is going to be a vibrant attraction for

tourists and locals alike, and FedNor’s support is making that possible.”



BBQ & BAKE SALE Manitoulin Lodge - Gore Bay

The members of the Volunteer Programme invite you to come out on Friday, June 24th from 11 am to 2 pm for smokies and hotdogs provided by Burt Farms, as well as homemade hamburgers, salads and homemade baking which will be sold at our Bake Sale.

You will be entertained with live music provided by Family Tradition. This will be our first on-site fundraiser since the start of the pandemic and we are very excited that the residents can enjoy this event with us (masks will be mandatory).

All proceeds will go towards Resident programs, activities and outings and contributes to their quality of life in the home.

Please come out and support our beloved seniors!

COMEDY SHOW

Featuring **Jeff Leeson**
Opening Act: **Charles Adams**

July 2, 2022 | 7:30 pm

**Community Complex
M'Chigeeng**

Karaoke contest 6 pm to 7:30 pm
Dance to follow
DJ services by
Island Music Showcase DJ Service

Tickets | \$30 at Door

Contact Jeff Bebonang for more information at 705-690-2633 or email jeffb@mchigeeng.ca

Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Corporation Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Manitoulin Health Centre continues to follow COVID-19 social distancing practices and is holding a virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, June 23rd, beginning at 6 pm.

Members of the Corporation and the General Public are invited and welcome to attend, but only members will be able to comment or ask questions during the meeting.

For meeting connectivity details, please send an email inquiry to Lori Mastelko at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.

ONE NIGHT ONLY

Dinner Theatre

Wednesday, July 6
Gore Bay Community Hall

On a First Name Basis

by *Norm Foster*

\$50 per person
Beef Dinner

(includes dessert, wine & coffee)

Advance Tickets Only - Call Town Office at 282-2420

Doors Open 5:30 | Dinner 6:00 | Curtain 7:30

GORE BAY THEATRE & GORE BAY ROTARY CLUB

HELP WANTED

Manitoulin Lodge is hiring housekeepers, and kitchen help. No experience is necessary as we will train you. Come and join our team!

Please call 705-282-2007 ext 223 if interested.

TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

Canada Day in Manitowaning

July 1st

BBQ at Noon
Boat Races at 12:30 pm

Let's get as many kids/adults as we can to participate in the Cardboard Boat Races this year!

The Waterslide will be running too for kids!

Visit assiginack.ca for cardboard boat rules.

It's Strawberry Season!

OPENING SOON

Emiry's Berry Patch

71 Emiry Road, Massey
(off Lee Valley Road)
(from Highway 17, turn south at lights in Massey and follow the strawberry signs)

Hours may change due to weather or picking conditions.

Please call for updates:
705-865-2184

or find us on Facebook:
Emiry's Berry Patch

43rd Annual

La Cloche Art Show

JURIED EXHIBITION AND SALE

Raffle Prizes by 2022 Distinguished Artists
Sharon Preen and Penny Bois

July 2 to July 9, 2022

11 am to 5 pm daily
Closes 5 pm on Saturday, July 9
Whitefish Falls Community Centre

FREE ADMISSION

WWW.LACLOCHEARTSHOW.COM



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinician

Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager, the Clinician provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong.

Responsibilities

1. To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective clinical services are provided to the community of Wikwemikong.
2. To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health services to the community of Wikwemikong.
3. To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
4. To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Mental Health staff.
5. To assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff.
6. To maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis.
7. To promote culturally appropriate mental health services in the community of Wikwemikong.
8. To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body is an asset.
- Minimum 3 years of social work experience in a health care setting or social service agency.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing, and counselling skills.
- Expertise in mental health and substance abuse areas preferred.
- Knowledge of therapeutic interventions.
- Must possess the ability to make independent decisions when circumstances require and must know when to refer a patient for further medical assessment.
- Able to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Able to work efficiently as part of a team as well as independently.
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills.
- Strong morals and ethics, along with a commitment to staff privacy.

Interested applicants **MUST** submit: 1) A cover letter; 2) Updated resume; 3) Photocopy of certificates/diploma/degree from a post-secondary institution; and 4) Contact information (email, phone number) of two work-related references.

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NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Posted: June 16, 2022 **Deadline: July 4, 2022 @ 4:00 pm**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FINANCE CLERK MATERNITY LEAVE

Summary

Finance Clerk is under the direct supervision of the System Administrator and is responsible to assist with continued fiscal responsibility of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre for the provision of accurate and timely financial information to the System Administrator. The Finance Clerk will assist and carry forth financial policy set by Wikwemikong Unceded Territory (WUT) so to promote the mission and growth of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre so to maintain the integrity of the Health Centre.

Responsibilities

1. Health Centre financial and statistical reporting (collecting and inputting stats to appropriate reporting programs);
2. Monitor expenses on a daily basis using an excel program to have an up-to-date balance;
3. Input and monitor account coding and processing of accounts payables and receivables are correct;
4. Support the Finance Liaison on all month end financial reporting and adjustments;
5. Assist in financial reports to various funders including federal, provincial and non-governmental funders;
6. Assist all accounting including business transactions, processing accruals and adjustments, reconciling accounts and preparing monthly accounting statements;
7. Assist in completing year-end adjustments;
8. Preparing for and participating in annual audits.

Qualifications

- College Diploma or related business accreditation
- 2 years of experience in Accounting
- Minimum of 2 years' experience in a financial position within a First Nation's environment
- Minimum 2 years' working experience in accounting required
- Knowledge of accepted accounting rules, practices, tax laws, and reporting requirements
- Strong technology skills and ability to work as a member of a multidisciplinary team
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills that promote mutually beneficial and respectful professional relationships
- Ability to write concise reports to various audiences
- Effective communication skills with individuals at all levels of the organization
- Computer literate, including effective working skills with software; Sage, MS Word, Excel and e-mail
- High level of critical and logical thinking, analysis, and/or reasoning to identify underlying principles, reasons, or facts
- Able to work well under pressure and meet set deadlines
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills
- Attention to detail in all areas of work

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Employment Opportunity SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION WORKER

Summary

Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat will have staff based in the following communities, M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Whitefish River and Wiikwemkoong, therefore travel will be required or base office flexible. The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will work with students who are identified as having needs for behaviour intervention or school-based mental health intervention. Comprehensive assessments of behaviour and mental health issues will be expected and treatment plans that include individual intervention, group intervention, classroom intervention, family intervention will be written and implemented. Support to teachers and school staff will be given to develop classroom behaviour management strategies and to increase competency of educational systems in this area. Individual therapy/behaviour intervention will be done. Clinical meetings with family members and other involved adults will be done. All aspects of this position will be expected to follow best practices models. The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will be under the supervision of the Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat Manager.

Responsibilities

1. Provide services in different partner communities, travelling independently
2. Establish positive relationships with school staff in all partner communities
3. Meet with care coordinators to review cases and develop understanding of referrals
4. Meet with children at their school
5. Meet with parents and teachers as needed to ensure adequate assessment for each child
6. Write comprehensive assessment and treatment plans that include clear recommendations for teachers, school staff and parents and also recommendations for individual clinical interventions following best practices standards
7. Assist families in understanding reports and in implementing the strategies at home
8. Provide information and support to school staff to assist them in developing competencies in behaviour intervention and children's mental health
9. Be responsive to school staff when they identify training needs and report these to program manager
10. Participate in school staff training events

Qualifications

- Masters level degree in Social Work or equivalent preferred, but all interested applicants encouraged to apply
- Must be registered or be eligible to register with the College of Social Workers, or as a Psychotherapist
- Social work experience. Experience in children's mental health or child and family therapy preferred
- Two years' recent post-masters experience in an educational setting preferred
- Experience working with children/youth experiencing social/emotional difficulties
- Demonstrated ability to work with a multi-disciplinary team

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Employment Opportunities

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC) is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our dynamic team includes: Traditional Healing & Cultural Services, Primary Care, Mental Health & Addictions and Health & Wellness Program & Services.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage, and cedar, may occur within the work setting.

NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Available Positions:

- ***New Beginnings FASD Coordinator (Full-time)
- ***Finance Clerk (Full-time)
- ***Cultural Support Worker (Full-time)
- ***Geriatric Social Worker (Full-time)
- ***Psychologist (Full-time)

We are also hiring for:

- Mental Health & Addictions System Navigator (Full-time)
- Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (2-year contract)
- Foot Care Nurse (Full-time)
- Anishinaabek Services Coordinator (Full-time Contract)
- Transitional Care Coordinator (Full-time Contract)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Full-time)
- Aging at Home Van Drivers (Casual)

For job details please visit: www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment

Submission Pre-Requisites:

- Please submit a cover letter, resume, a copy of registration, and list three (3) work-related references.
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status is required.

Applications: Can be received marked 'Confidential', by email at info@noojmowin-teg.ca, by facsimile at (705) 368-3922, or by mail:

Attn: Human Resources
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

To learn more about employment opportunities, call (705) 368-2182 ext. 235.

Chi-miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. **"A place of healing"**





UCCM POLICE IS HIRING

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police will be a partner in community wellness by providing proactive, culturally sensitive, and innovative service while respecting existing laws customs and traditions.

"Balance" "Compassion" "Dedication" "Humility" "Integrity" "Respect" "Teamwork"

Position: FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR
Term: FULL-TIME
Salary: ALIGNED WITH UCCM SALARY GRID
Report To: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service is searching for an individual who is *creative, takes initiative, and is innovative*. Can you handle change? Are you a leader of change?

UCCM APS HOPES YOU BECOME A PART OF THE TEAM!

POSITION SUMMARY
 UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service is seeking a dynamic and enthusiastic individual to assist the organization in successfully meeting their mandate and mission statement. The Finance Administrator position is established to assist the organization in successfully meeting its mission of providing culturally sensitive policing services to the UCCM police service area. The position is a financial administrative professional who will provide financial support to the Director of Corporate Services through compiling data, analyzing information, and preparing reports. The individual applies accounting control procedures that ensures the accuracy and integrity of the accounting system. The position requires interaction with UCCM APS personnel, external stakeholders, and other agency partners.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- Post-Secondary Degree or Diploma in Finance/Accounting/Business Administration or related field;
- 2-3 years of recent work-related financial experience in a business environment;
- Experience processing financial and payroll transactions;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Experience with Quickbooks considered an asset;
- Experience interpreting and applying financial policies and guidelines.

SKILLS (Includes but are not limited to)

- Knowledge of accounting functions and principles: payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, chart of accounts, etc.;
- Experience in financial management and financial file maintenance;
- Ability to handle multiple projects, meet multiple deadlines; and problem solve;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to learn very quickly in a fast-paced environment;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications, advanced Excel skills considered an asset, financial accounting software, payroll systems, records management systems, time management software, and general computer skills;
- Ability to exercise professional judgment and reasonableness in a variety of situations.

DUTIES (Includes but are not limited to)

- Prepare and submit bi-weekly payroll for approval by the Director of Corporate Services (using a web-based external payroll service provider) based on information submitted and approved in the timesheet database system;
- Review purchase order requests ensuring correct information is submitted, assign number, report any anomalies to Director of Corporate Services;
- Prepare accounts receivables as required, prepare and send out invoices, handle inquiries as appropriate;
- Performing other duties as may be assigned.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- A thorough background check will be completed, and the background check must be clear before an offer of employment will be given;
- A valid Class G driver's license is required;
- Completed series of Health Canada approved COVID-19 Vaccination PRIOR to job commencement.

DEADLINE: July 3rd, 2022 at 4:00pm EST

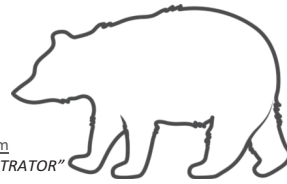
Please apply for this position by submitting your cover letter, resume, and three (3) work related references.

For questions about this employment opportunity and/or a detailed job description, please contact Lyndin Belleau, Human Resources Administrator.



Mail-in applications can be sent to:
Confidential: Human Resources
 UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service
 5926 Hwy 540, Box 332
 M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

Or via email to lyndin.belleau@uccmpolice.com
 Subject: "Employment Opportunity: FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR"



Individuals of Anishnaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Self-identification is encouraged.
 We would like to thank all applicants who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

PRIMARY CARE - CASUAL

Summary

With the functional support, guidance and supervision provided by the Community Health Service Manager, the Community Health Nurse carries out a community health service as outlined by the Community Health Program Policies and Procedures.

Responsibilities

- Planning and delivering a Community Health Program, considering the physical, social, spiritual, mental and environmental factors which influence each individual, family and community;
- Delivering an immunization program in accordance to Community Health Service (CHS) Immunization Policy and Procedures, FNIHB Immunization Policy and Procedures and Ministry Standards. Also, ensuring to maintain a communicable disease reporting program in collaboration with CD Nurse of FNIHB and CHS Manager;
- Community Health Program
 1. Preconception Health Services (for schools in community only);
 2. Maternal and Newborn Health Services;
 3. Infant and Pre-School Health Services;
 4. School Health Services (for schools in community only);
 5. Community Health Services.

Qualifications

- A four-year BScN degree is required; or minimum three-year nursing diploma will be accepted.
- Must take Immunization Certification Online Course upon hiring and attend mandatory training sessions. Upon completion CHN will be required to write the immunization exam and will be subject to a series of practical exams for immunization.
- Two years' experience in advanced nursing assessment skills with special emphasis on immunization, communicable disease, prenatal and community health care.
- Two years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization.
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs.
- Adaptability and ability to establish and sustain a multidisciplinary team approach to integrated service delivery.
- Ability to apply ethics of nursing practice in decision making.
- Willingness to adapt to the changing demands of the position.
- Ability to demonstrate initiative, optimism, discretion, tact, self-assurance, dependability and leadership.

Interested applicants MUST submit: 1) A cover letter; 2) Updated resume; 3) Photocopy of certificates/diploma/degree from a post-secondary institution; and 4) Contact information (email, phone number) of two work-related references.

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 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Posted: June 16, 2022 Deadline: July 4, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

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JOIN THE EXPOSITOR TEAM

The Manitoulin Expositor
Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper
 and
www.manitoulin.com
 seek a qualified individual as

Sales Manager

 to liaise with the newspaper's client base (print and digital)
 on Manitoulin and beyond.

Duties include:

- providing ongoing support to existing clients, including the development of advertising campaigns;
- expanding the newspaper's and website's client base.

The successful candidate will:

- be self-motivated and able to work to multiple deadlines;
- be extremely well organized;
- be able to help design individual advertisements and campaigns;
- have graphic design knowledge in order to work independently on clients ads (InDesign, Photoshop, etc); and
- be able to communicate readily with the newspaper's production and design staff as well as with other departments (editorial, circulation, accounting).

This is a full-time position.


Salary: Commensurate with experience

Deadline: To start immediately.

The Manitoulin Expositor
 Email: expositor@manitoulin.com
 Fax: (705) 368-3822
 Mail: P.O. Box 369,
 Little Current, Ont. POP 1K0

or you may deliver your resume and application to
 The Manitoulin Expositor Office in downtown Little Current
 at One Manitowaning Road.

NOTE: The Manitoulin Expositor thanks everyone who responds but only those selected for interviews will be contacted.



SHESHEGWANING FIRST NATION

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Elementary School Teacher

Sheshegwaning First Nation and St. Joseph's Anishnabek School is currently accepting applications for an Elementary School Teacher.

Essential Duties:

- Work under the supervision of the Principal.
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum.
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnabe teachings within the school and community setting.
- Teach students using a systematic plan of lessons, discussion, audio-visual presentations, field trips, hands-on activities to promote their physical, mental and social development and their school readiness.
- Develop and implement long range plans.
- Prepare and administer assessments.
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents and school officials.
- Identify children's learning styles and needs.
- Prepare and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help.
- Participate in staff meetings, teacher training workshops, professional development days and other school functions.
- May supervise teacher assistants and student teachers.
- Knowledgeable in literacy and numeracy practices.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Must hold a valid Ontario Teaching Certificate.
- Must have a Bachelor of Education or ATEP.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience of the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishnabek.
- Understanding and fluency of Odawa or Ojibwe language is an asset or must be willing to learn the language.
- CRC/CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Location: Sheshegwaning First Nation - St. Joseph's Anishnabek School

Salary Range: Negotiable as per the education salary grid

Deadline to Apply: June 28, 2022 (NOON)

Interested applicants may forward their resume, CPIC and three written references marked confidential to:

Jessica Sampson
Human Resources Director
 Sheshegwaning First Nation
 1079A Sheshegwaning Road
 Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON
 POP 1X0
jessica@sheshegwaning.org

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT WORKER (MATERNITY LEAVE)

Summary

The Case Management Worker will take an innovative approach towards providing a Culturally Appropriate Community-Based Case Management System in addressing addictions and mental health in collaboration with a team of professionals. The Case Management Worker will provide support and ensure consistent services are provided via a team approach. The team will include but is not limited to Traditional Resources, Mental Health Workers, Addiction Workers, Child and Family Service Workers and Justice Program (i.e. Probation and Parole) in addressing complex needs of those affected by addictions.

Responsibilities

1. Culturally appropriate case management;
2. Ensure that culturally appropriate and effective harm reduction support services are provided to the community of Wiikwemkoong;
3. Ensure the provision of culturally appropriate clinical assessment and counselling services of a supportive, educational and skills building nature is delivered to individuals, groups and families;
4. Facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient addictions and mental health services to the community of Wiikwemkoong;
5. Ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager;
6. Keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Addictions and Mental Health staff;
7. Assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff;
8. Maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis;
9. Promote culturally appropriate addictions and mental health services in the community of Wiikwemkoong.

Qualifications

- Degree / Diploma in one of the helping disciplines from a recognized institution.
- Experience in case management.
- Experience in First Nation's health services/mental health and addictions services.
- Experience in delivering culturally safe practices with a strong knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal Culture, Traditions and Language.
- Knowledge and experience in working with First Nation, provincial and federal government systems of health.
- Fluent in Anishinaabemowin is considered an asset.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people.
- Good time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.

Interested applicants **MUST** submit: 1) A cover letter; 2) Updated resume; 3) Photocopy of certificates/diploma/degree from a post-secondary institution; and 4) Contact information (email, phone number) of two work-related references.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Registered Practical Nurse Long Term Care/Home & Community Care

Summary

The RPN will be required to work in a home care setting and see assigned clients. You will work collaboratively with other health care providers in providing wholistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health for clients.

Responsibilities

1. Provide a wholistic approach to client care looking at physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being as per College of Nurses scope of practice.
2. Respond to unexpected discharge or medication changes and documentation.
3. Provide support and educational information to clients and families.
4. Provide nursing care to clients as per nursing care plan and physician orders.
5. Ongoing assessment of client needs and accessing appropriate services.
6. Develop nursing care plans for each client.
7. Provide wholistic nursing services to prolong independent living in the home.
8. Promote teamwork within the Long-Term Care Program.

Qualifications

- Diploma in Registered Practical Nursing.
- Holds a current certificate of competence with the College of Nurses of Ontario.
- Experience working with seniors and individuals with disabilities or cognitive impairments.
- Demonstrates professional responsibility and accountability.
- Experience in a home care setting an asset.
- Sound verbal and written communication, teaching and leadership skills.
- Be able to understand and speak the language – Anishinaabemowin.
- Valid First Aid, CPR and Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation Communities and their culture.

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Posted: June 16, 2022 Deadline: August 2, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

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COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN IN SEARCH OF NEW BOARD DIRECTORS

Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) would like to invite you to support our mission by joining the CLM Board of Directors. The Agency is looking to fill multiple positions on the Board.

“At Community Living Manitoulin we advocate, promote and facilitate the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of individuals who have developmental challenges. We believe all people with developmental disabilities can lead meaningful lives in our community,” states chair of board Pam Lambert

Board members are vital to the success of an organization. CLM Board members provide governance oversight and possess an understanding of the Manitoulin community and a passion for inclusion and advocacy. Experience in Disability awareness/knowledge, finances and fund development is most welcome but not necessary. Meetings can be attended virtually.

Never sat on a board? CLM will provide third-party governance training to all new board members!

For more information about CLM or to discuss becoming a board member please contact our Executive Director, Adrienne:
afarquhar@clmanitoulin.com or 705-665-8262
Board Chair, Pam:
plambert@clmanitoulin.com or 705-210-0515



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

Department: Capital Projects & Public Works
Classification/Level: PS2 (\$61,200 - \$74,800)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

2nd POSTING CLOSING DATE: JUNE 27, 2022 BY 12 P.M. EST

Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Capital Works and Capital Projects Manager, the Public Works Manager will be empowered to uphold the high-quality level of service that the M'Chigeeng First Nations' Public Works department offers to its members. This working Manager position engages in all public works job duties while effectively motivating and directing the Public Works personnel in undertaking all the work that is required to maintain and grow MFN's transportation and operations. This includes water, wastewater, and roadways infrastructure. The manager works closely with the Capital Works and Capital Projects Manager and the Housing Manager to maintain this linear infrastructure as well as the maintenance of vehicles, equipment, materials, and facilities within the Public Works department.

Responsibilities:

- Supervision of Public Works staff, including training, monitoring, providing ongoing feedback and providing input to hiring and professional development needs and time and attendance timesheets; Provide monthly and maintenance reports to Supervisor.
- Supervision of solid waste program, prepare schedules, facilitate weekly curbside collection; develop waste diversion plan and policy.
- Oversees, coordinates all activities in and around public works yard; monitors MFN owned equipment; keeps accurate records of materials, supplies, tools, and equipment.
- Oversee, coordinate and/or complete facilities, roads, and grounds, seasonal activates, maintenance tasks as required.
- Prepare budgets for maintenance and upgrade activates as per the E-ACRs, along with completion of annual Public Works budgets for approval.
- Oversee winter maintenance of roads and parking lots, and the homes of seniors and individuals with disabilities as required.
- Maintenance of First Nation fleet (GPS System) including performing inspections, maintenance schedule, fuelling and cleaning, ensuring valid commercial vehicle Operating Registration licencing keep files and up to maintenance schedules.
- Maintenance of cemetery including excavating graves, arrange for setting up tipi and supplying wood, lawn care and snow removal.
- Ensure building and equipment meet all safety, security and fire regulations and policies; work in compliance with the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Completion of post-secondary diploma program in related field of study
- High School Diploma and relevant combination of experience and training will be considered
- At least two (2) supervisory experience in a related field
- Certification or experience in wastewater systems, hydrant maintenance, distribution and drinking water systems
- Must have good working knowledge of computer software systems (i.e. Microsoft Office); a maintenance management program would be considered an asset
- Knowledge of construction and/or maintenance of roads, ditching, heavy equipment is preferred
- Must demonstrate strong leadership and organizational skills with the ability to manage change and direct multiple employees
- Excellent knowledge of Public Works infrastructure and best practices
- Knowledge in roads, streets and sidewalks maintenance and repair (including winter operations)

Other:

- Excellent time management and organizational skills; Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinabek language is a strong asset or a willingness to learn.
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, traditions, customs, and practices.
- Must be flexible to work long hours in peak periods, evenings and weekends as required.
- Must have or be willing to obtain Standard First Aid and CPR Certification.
- Must possess and maintain a valid 'G' Province of Ontario Driver's licence, clean driving record.
- Valid 'AZ' or "DZ" licence considered an asset.

**Condition of Employment: Must provide proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations and Police Criminal Reference Check upon hire.*

Interested applicants can submit a COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT REFERENCES (2 work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: Public Works Manager
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to employment@mchigeeng.ca

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
School Bus Drivers**

We are looking for school bus drivers on Manitoulin Island in all areas.

If you are a parent with school-age children you will find this job to be very convenient in the fact that you would be on the same schedule as your children. Off nights, weekends and school vacation time. For people who have moved to Manitoulin Island, it is a great way to meet other people, and if you have retired to Manitoulin Island and are looking for something enjoyable to do with your spare time.

If you have a B Licence we would love to hear from you. If you do not have a B Licence we will train and licence you to be a professional school bus driver.

We have positions available in all areas of Manitoulin Island.

Please send resume to:

A.J. Bus Lines
Susan 705-368-0262
suemackenzie@bellnet.ca
John 705-356-7889
jshamas@bellnet.ca



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Digital Marketer**

Manitoulin Chrysler is currently seeking a detail-oriented Digital Marketer to join our team.

The successful candidate must have a comprehensive understanding of digital media including website maintenance, CMS, and various social media platforms, with the ability to learn new technologies.

Please email your resume for consideration to: wlegge@manitoulinchrysler.ca or drop it off in person at 6015 HWY 542 in Mindemoya.

TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK



**TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
REQUIRES A
PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE (FULL TIME)**

The Township requires a team player to work in the public works department assisting in the operation of the Township's operations.

A detailed job description and pay grid is available from the undersigned.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm, Friday, July 8th, 2022.

Township of Assiginack
Ron Cooper
PO Box 238
Manitowaning, ON
POP 1N0
705-859-3780
www.assiginack.ca

Information collected for employment is done under authority of Section 29(2) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, for the purpose of assessing eligibility for employment.

The Township of Assiginack is committed to an inclusive, barrier free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Township of Assiginack if you require any accommodations to ensure you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Mental Health & Addictions Educator**
Classification Level: CS-4 (\$61,200-\$74,800) + pension and benefits
Employment Status: Regular Full time
Department: Health Services, Mental Health

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Mental Health and Addictions Educator will provide education & awareness to M'Chigeeng First Nation as it pertains to mental health and addiction challenges. The Mental Health and Addictions Educator is responsible for the implementation of a community-based service that includes prevention education, and awareness programming that reflects and promotes a healthy lifestyle through both traditional and western approaches. These activities will be geared to children, youth, young adults, adults, and elders. The Mental Health Addictions worker will also work in collaboration with the Peer Support and Outreach Program.

Essential Functions

- Educate membership on mental health and addiction challenges and provide information as it pertains to such
- Provide education on colonial trauma as it relates to addictions and mental health challenges
- Promote Wholistic Wellness & Traditional approaches to understand mental health and addictions
- Promote Trauma Informed Care services and Harm Reduction approaches to wellness
- Promote services within the framework of client centred care
- Coordinate the annual National Addiction Awareness Week conference
- Facilitate Mental Health and Addictions psycho-educational awareness workshops and support groups including workshops on intergenerational trauma
- Promote current MFN services and collaborate with MFN Departments to support the education and awareness of addictions
- All other duties as assigned

Qualifications & Requirements

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge
- Entry Level to two (0-2) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions
- Understanding and knowledge of M'Chigeeng First Nation Community and its Membership
- Experience with presentation and facilitation of workshops, information sessions and training opportunities
- Willing to participate in training opportunities to gain knowledge and build capacity

Knowledge Requirements

- Working knowledge of Harm Reduction approaches
- Ability to make connections with community members
- Ability to work independently and with minimal supervision
- Ability to work with confidential and sensitive information
- Ability to display a positive and helpful attitude
- Ability to work within a team environment and with other key partners of the community
- Must be a role model both during and after regular work hours
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office and general office procedures
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Must have a valid G Licence with access to own vehicle
- Understanding of Anishinaabe language, culture, traditions as it relates to traditional healing
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Strong understanding of colonization and its impacts on Anishinabek communities (Intergenerational Trauma as a result of IRS, Day Schools, 60's Scoop, child welfare, etc.).

Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations (2 doses minimum)

Closing Date: June 27th, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (with names and contact information; two recent work-related and one character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS EDUCATOR
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
HOUSING MANAGER**

Department: Housing
Classification/Level: Department Manager Salary Grid (\$67,280 - \$82,230)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
4TH POSTING CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Reporting Relationship

The Housing Manager reports to the Capital Works and Capital Projects Manager.

Position Summary:

The Housing Manager is responsible for overseeing and managing the administrative functions of housing department for M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN). The Housing Manager will oversee the MFN Housing Department programs and services, as well as planning and supervising construction and renovation projects. The programs and services include, but are not limited to, the On-Reserve Mortgage Program, Renovation Loan Program and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporations Section 95, Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) and Home Adaptation for Seniors (HASI) Programs.

Responsibilities:

Planning:

- Responsible for developing the housing plan and housing policy implementation.
- Prepare short- and long-term housing maintenance plans as well as capital replacement plans for MFN.
- Oversee all new construction and renovation sites to ensure they are up-to-code; ensuring Health and Safety standards are being met through annual housing inspections.
- Prepare applications for various housing programs. This includes developing proposals and tenders and using technical reports to make smarter decisions and recommendations.

Financial Management:

- Prepare annual housing program budget and financial forecasts for MFN housing needs; manage costs and budgets.
- Monitor costs and expenses, and use information found in financial reports to make appropriate decisions.
- Monitor each CMHC Phase Budget as applicable.

Administration:

- Coordinate, manage, and oversee all housing activities to ensure that houses are maintained, rents are collected, files are kept up-to-date, tenants are adhering to policy as set out in housing policy and tenant agreements.
- Create work order system to meet the needs of the housing department for maintenance and renovation projects.
- Preparing reports and presentations to Chief and Council and the MFN community when requested.
- Develop work order systems to meet the need of the housing department for maintenance and renovations.
- Organize community meetings, housing authority and/or advisory group meetings and preparing reports.

Qualifications

- First Nation Housing Certificate or equivalent combination of post-secondary education and experience
- At least three (3) years' First Nation housing experience
- Good understanding of the CMHC program and other housing programs
- New construction and renovation experience would be considered an asset
- Experience and certification in Project Management / Property Management would be considered an asset
- Proficient with computer software programs (i.e. Microsoft Office)

Other:

- Understanding and knowledge of Ojibwe culture and traditions of the Anishinaabek
- Fluent in Ojibwe language is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Valid Ontario driver's licence and access to own vehicle
- Excellent public relations skills, interpersonal and leadership skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment with minimal supervision
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling highly confidential matters

Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations

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CONFIDENTIAL: Housing Manager
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to employment@mchigeeng.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKER

Summary

Under direction and accountability to Wikwemikong Health Centre, the Child & Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker (CYMHAW) will provide clinical assessments, planning, treatment and counselling to children and youth of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory under the age of 18 years, and consultations regarding community behavioural assessments and intervention.

Responsibilities

- To complete general responsibilities relevant to administration and counselling practice.
- To provide culturally appropriate and effective clinic services are provided to Wikwemikong children and youth.
- To participate and/or promote mental health awareness to children and youth.
- Mandatory participation in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience program by taking necessary training and participating in the ten-day canoe trip.
- To participate in quality improvement and personal growth activities.
- Perform other duties as assigned within the scope of the position.

Qualifications

- Successful completion of a Post-Secondary degree or diploma in one of the helping disciplines preferred
- Experience in providing clinical service to Indigenous Youth
- Demonstrated experience in First Nation program delivery and in Traditional healing coordination
- Experience in conducting counsellor/client interviews, assessments, planning and treatment, referrals, group facilitation and group therapy

Interested applicants **MUST** submit: 1) A cover letter; 2) Updated resume; 3) Photocopy of certificates/diploma/degree from a post-secondary institution; and 4) Contact information (email, phone number) of two work-related references.

Attention: Melissa Roy
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705-859-3164 / Fax: 705-859-3300 / Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Posted: June 16, 2022

Deadline: July 4, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered and we appreciate your interest.
Preference will be given to Indigenous People.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER (PSW) CASUAL

Summary

The PSW will be required to work in a home care setting and see assigned clients on a regular basis. You will work collaboratively with other health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health for clients.

Responsibilities

- To assist persons with the activities of daily living and/or personal care and to contribute to their quality of life by promoting their independence, dignity, social/emotional/physical well-being, mobility, personal appearance, comfort and safety.
- To provide light household management services to clients.
- To observe and report any changes in client service or environment to the supervisor.
- Able to react to change productively and handle any other essential tasks as assigned.
- Bilingual/fluent to communicate with clients in their language of preference/comfort.

Qualifications

- Be able to understand and speak the language
- Valid First Aid, CPR
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation Communities and their culture
- Personal Support Worker Certificate/Health Care Aide
- Secondary School Graduation Diploma

All applicants **MUST** submit: 1) A cover letter; 2) Updated resume; 3) Photocopy of certificates/diploma/degree from a post-secondary institution; and 4) Contact information (email, phone number) of two work-related references.

Personal Support Worker

Attention: Melissa Roy
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY 2nd Posting - School Receptionist

Department: Education – Lakeview School
Classification Level: CA2 (\$36,000 - \$44,000) + pension and benefits
Position Status: Full-time Regular

Position Summary

The Receptionist under the supervision of the School Principal is the first point of call for visitors to the school, parents, staff, and children.

As the 'face' of the school the receptionist should be welcoming, personable, helpful, and able to represent the school in a professional and friendly manner. In addition, it is essential that the person for this role is organized, able to multi-task, work flexibly and have a 'can do' approach to work, as no two days are the same.

Essential Functions

Reception

- Performs all reception duties including greeting and directing parents and visitors, answering phones, recording, and distributing messages
- Performs and maintains an organized school filing system
- Responds to student and parent inquiries and concerns in a timely and professional manner
- Develops and implements individual annual work plan
- Responsible for organizing annual school events such as year-end awards and picture day
- Plans for additional bussing services that may be required during the school year
- Provides supervision of students in the main office when required

Clerical

- Prepares correspondence and reports as required
- Makes arrangements for staff meetings which includes preparing and distributing of meeting minutes
- Maintains staff time sheets records, submits them for approval to finance for processing
- Assists the Principal and Office Manager with various administrative tasks

Financial

- Prepares, monitors and updates financial data and reports for the Lakeview School
- Prepares and maintains purchase orders
- All other duties as assigned

Qualifications & Requirements

- Successful completion of Administrative/Office Administration College Program, Certificate or Equivalent
- At least 2-3 years' work experience
- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written
- Demonstrated commitment to customer service excellence
- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- Working knowledge of office systems, procedures, and practices
- Working knowledge of meeting procedures would be an asset

Other

- Understanding and knowledge of Ojibwe culture and traditions of the Anishinaabek
- Fluent in Ojibwe language is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Must possess a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle

Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations

Closing Date: June 24th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (two work-related and one character/co-worker) and education certifications to:

Confidential - Human Resources
SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing Indigenous Re-integration Supportive Services (IRSS) Program Worker

INDIGENOUS RE-INTEGRATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Full-time Permanent (pending funding)

The Indigenous Re-integration Supportive Services (IRSS) Program Worker provides support to the Manitoulin Youth Justice Services Probation Officer with respect to Indigenous youth aged 12-17, at the time of the offence, who have been found guilty and are currently on probation, conditional supervision or community supervision. Through this program, services will be provided to youth primarily from the six UCCMM member First Nations, as case management directed, and any off-reserve First Nation population in the District of Manitoulin.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Meet regularly with the Youth Probation Officer and the UCCMM Justice Manager to discuss clients, cases, community supervision plans, evaluation of progress and develop treatment plans for youth;
- Work closely with home communities of clients in developing re-integration plans, case management conferences, and ensuring all potential community supports are secured before discharge;
- Liaise with community service providers (i.e. Elders, Social Service and Health Service providers, cultural programs, youth programs, UCCMM Justice Program) to identify resources for youth on Probation;
- Develop community profiles which highlight existing supports and resources, gaps and plans to develop programs and services for youth;
- Maintain client files, database, and quarterly activity, statistical, and financial reports;
- Follow all monitoring directives as laid out in the service contract;
- Maintain strict confidentiality of client identity and information at all times;
- Develop an evaluation tool to solicit feedback from Youth Justice Services, and resources utilized within the six First Nation communities and justice stakeholders (UCCM Anishinaabe Police, Manitoulin OPP, Courts, and service agencies, etc.);
- Provide the following supports to youth, as referred by the Youth Probation Officer: Mentorship, Anger Management, Community Service Hours, School Support, Re-integration Support;
- Participate in the Child and Youth Service Providers' Network of Mnídoo Mnísing;
- Organize and co-facilitate activities and programming related to the U-Turn Program;
- Other related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum Child and Youth Worker diploma, or equivalent in a helping field;
- Minimum of two years' social services work experience with Indigenous youth;
- Must have knowledge of local Anishinaabe teachings, culture, communities, history, elders and local issues facing Indigenous people;
- Must follow Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles;
- Must have ability to maintain administrative instruments (workplans, reports, files, correspondence);
- Must have knowledge of services available in the Districts of Manitoulin/Sudbury/Algoma for Indigenous people;
- Available to work evenings and weekends as required;
- Valid driver's licence (proof must be provided with application) and access to a vehicle;
- Up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening check if selected.

Remuneration: \$42,000.00 + benefits and \$7,700 (UTurn contract)

Closing Date: July 4, 2022

To Apply: **Mail or deliver** a complete package, which must include the following:

- cover letter
- resume
- copy of valid Ontario driver's licence
- three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager

Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered. Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark "Confidential-IRSS" to:

Hazel Recollet
Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing
Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Community Living Manitoulin Casual and Part-time

Community Living Manitoulin is looking for dedicated staff with a passion for working with adult individuals with developmental disabilities.

Do you want to play a vital role in inspiring possibilities and creating an environment that fosters meaningful living for all supported individuals?

There are casual and part-time employment opportunities available within one of our many programs.

These unionized part-time positions are scheduled at a minimum of 30 hours bi-weekly and a maximum of 32 hours weekly with a starting wage of \$22.79.

You are qualified if you have:

- Post-secondary diploma for Developmental Service Worker or equivalent in the Human Resources Field (preferred)
- Personal Support Worker certificate or equivalent
- First Year Developmental Service Worker students may also qualify
- A valid Ontario driver's licence (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Mrs. Megan Wickett,
Operations Manager by regular mail to:

Community Living Manitoulin
PO Box 152
Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0
Or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com
Or by fax to 705-377-7175

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit our website at:
www.clmanitoulin.com.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION Educator Opportunities (2nd Posting)

Starting end of August 29, 2022

1 – FULL-TIME ELEMENTARY TEACHER (with Health and Benefits) – As per MFN Teaching Salary Grid and Years of Teaching Experience

The Elementary Teacher will be responsible for the preparation of lessons/units for Lakeview School students. The teacher shall have the understanding of the Anishinaabe culture and promote Anishinaabemowin the culture, traditions and history as part of the curriculum.

Responsibilities

- As a teacher in a First Nation community, make every effort to learn Anishinaabemowin (Ojibway Language) and to reinforce and promote such language in the classroom, the school and community at large. The teacher acknowledges that cultural awareness and cross-cultural training, as designated and deemed appropriate by MFN, shall be mandatory as part of on-going training and professional development. The teacher further acknowledges the importance of participating in community and cultural events and shall endeavour to attend and participate.
- Demonstrates a commitment to assisting MFN students reach their potential and achieve academic student success while maintaining cultural integrity.
- Research and write lessons and units according to MFN and the Ontario approved curriculum.
- Instruct students utilizing a systematic plan of lessons, discussions, presentations, and field trips.
- Lead students in activities to promote their physical, mental, and social development and school readiness.

Qualifications & Requirements

- Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Education with 1-2 years of successful teaching experience
- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, tradition, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe language is an asset or must have the willingness to learn

1 – FULL-TIME ANISHINAABEMOWIN TEACHER (with Health and Benefits) – As per MFN Teaching Salary Grid and Years of Teaching Experience

The Anishinaabemowin Teacher will instill the language and culture to the students at Lakeview School. They will be responsible for the instructional leadership and cultural teachings at Lakeview School and will provide support for all grade levels at Lakeview School. The student's ability to speak, write and read the Anishinaabemowin and make cultural connections to traditions is strengthened by the instruction associated with this role within the school. The Anishinaabemowin Teacher must understand the Ontario curriculum related to the Anishinaabemowin language, supporting student/staff achievements, ensuring IEPS are followed, contribute to a positive school environment, incorporate trauma-informed practice, and must be active in ensuring student success.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Education, Program of Teacher Education – Primary, Junior, Intermediate Division, additional Qualifications, prior teaching experience instructing the language
- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe Language
- Knowledge and/or experience with the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishinaabe

Conditions of Employment with MFN:

Confirmation of Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check
Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations (1 & 2 dose minimum)

Applications Due: June 24th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-Character reference) and all applicable certifications addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "INDICATE POSITION"
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Shelter Coordinator (2nd Posting)

Department: Administration (Peer Support and Outreach)
Employment Status: Full-Time Term
Salary: \$63,000 / year (including Health and Benefits)

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Drug Strategy Coordinator, the Shelter Coordinator will carry out a variety of duties related to the operation of an emergency shelter including direct supervision of shelter staff, performing follow-up services for individuals accessing shelter, conducting referrals to service providers, as well as ensuring frontline staff have what they need to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.

Essential Functions

- Maintain a safe, supportive Trauma Informed environment within the shelter.
- Monitor facility to maintain safety of individuals and shelter space.
- Review shelter referrals and intakes and connect with frontline staff for follow-up services.
- Assist with any escalations or safety concerns.
- Cover shifts as needed; Responds to inquiries via phone and email.
- As required and as applicable, make suggestions that will improve shelter efficiency, working conditions or procedures.
- Complete and maintain related files, manuals, records, and documentation by performing duties such as filing incident reports, maintaining relevant statistical data, and providing referrals for follow-up services.
- Provide support and debriefing to shelter staff.
- Secure and maintain all equipment and materials needed and purchased for the shelter.
- Gathers pertinent information to gain a better understanding of homelessness in the community and to assist in improving support services that are offered.
- Participate in program, department and organization meetings and relevant training as required, as well as inter-agency groups that provide assistance and advocacy.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications & Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in human services field or related field or Grade 12 Diploma with a combination of formal training and work experience
- At least two (2) years' experience working with the homeless population and/or mental health and addictions
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- At least 1+ years of supervision experience

Other

- Knowledge/familiarity with related resources such as: Mental Health, Income Assistance, Harm Reduction, Trauma Informed Practice, Addictions Support organizations, etc. is an asset
- Computer skills including use of Microsoft Office
- Able to develop good relations and make connections with shelter individuals; Ability to maintain clear personal and professional boundaries
- Ability to remain alert and on duty throughout shifts
- Ability to respond responsibly in emergency and crisis situations
- Ability to work independently and in cooperation with others
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing

Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations

Closing Date: June 24th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (with names and contact information; two recent work-related and one character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

SHELTER COORDINATOR
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

*Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.
For detailed job description, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca.*

KENJGEWIN TEG

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG IS RECRUITING AN INDIVIDUAL INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING, DESIGNING, AND IMPLEMENTING A PLACE OF LEARNING THAT SUPPORTS STUDENTS THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

Dean of Student Enrolment and Wellness - Full Time Position

As an accredited Indigenous Institute in the province of Ontario and being a part of the third pillar in the Post-Secondary Education sector, the organization is seeking to recruit an individual who has the skills and knowledge to contribute to the rapid growth and participate in building a place of learning that reflects our Anishinaabe philosophy of education for adult learners through the Post-Secondary Education and Training Programs.

The Dean of Student Enrolment and Wellness will lead the planning of strategic initiatives, aligned with the Student Services department activities, as identified in Kenjgewin Teg's approved Strategic Plan 2021-2026.

DEAN OF STUDENT ENROLMENT AND WELLNESS

Classification: Manager M3 Program Head/Salary Grade Band K

Position Objective: The Dean of Student Enrolment and Wellness is intended to implement a student experience from recruitment and admissions through graduation that is responsive to student needs and Kenjgewin Teg values. The Dean is responsible to provide leadership and direction to team members responsible for admissions and records as well as the emotional, spiritual, and social needs of the student population at Kenjgewin Teg. This position's focus is to ensure student needs are identified early and supports and services are provided to ensure the personal well-being of students to support student success.

Qualifications:

- Diploma in Social Services or related background in Education
- Minimum 3 years' experience in a management role

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Experience in facilitation and small group presentation skills
- Possess conflict management skills
- Proficiency with data management tools
- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, letters, proposals, and reports
- Experience in writing proposals and reports
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures involving procurement, travel arrangements, and budget management
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision
- Intermediate – Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office/Office 365 (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, SharePoint)
- Facilitation experience is an asset
- Ability to maintain filing systems and databases
- Must possess a valid driver's licence, have access to a vehicle, and be willing to travel as required
- Must have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs; and be supportive of Anishinabek practices, language revitalization and protocols

Application Deadline: Monday, July 11, 2022 at 12 Noon

Interested individuals are strongly encouraged to review the detailed job description, for a copy please contact the Director of Human Resources at: 705-377-4342, ext. 206 or by email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of: Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential through email at: humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca, or by mail to:
Kenjgewin Teg
"HR – Dean of Student Enrolment and Wellness"
c/o Director of Human Resources
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON POP 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.


Please note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.

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The Cada/McKinley family would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone for their expressions of condolences on the enormous loss of our beloved Bertha McKinley. Thank you for the kindness, care and love that has been extended to our families. It has given us comfort and touched our hearts as we adjust during this difficult time.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMUNICATIVE DISORDER ASSISTANT (CDA)

Job Summary

The CDA will report to Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat Manager and work under the direction and clinical supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).

The CDA will provide direct one-on-one therapy sessions to individuals and small groups of children ranging from 2 to 21 years old in schools on Manitoulin Island, the Northshore and surrounding areas, under the supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist. The qualifying CDA will need to drive between schools and home-base office.

Responsibilities

1. Plan and carry out treatment sessions based on specific therapy goals established by the supervising SLP;
2. Collect and record client data;
3. Report on client progress and any related issues to the supervising SLP and Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat Manager;
4. Provide Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) support for students; create low-tech communication aids; set up and program high tech voice output devices; assist with the training of students, teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants in the use of the devices;
5. Implement individual and group communication, speech and language programs for eligible students; prepare lesson plans, activities and materials; document student performance, comfortable with play-based individual and group therapy.

Qualifications

- Graduate from an accredited CDA Program; Member of the CDAAC or equivalent.
- Excellent and written communication skills.
- Good computer skills and knowledge of MS Office applications.
- Training and experience related to: child development and childhood exceptionality, specific articulation and language development, speech and language disorders, treatments and interventions used.
- Set up and use of augmentative communication systems and technology, i.e. Proloquo2go, PECS.
- Assistive listening equipment, i.e. FM systems.
- Evidence of effective customer service, organizational, interpersonal, communication, judgement and decision-making skills.
- Able to work independently in carrying out communication screens and given therapy programs.
- Flexible, self-directed and able to work effectively with minimal supervision.
- This position requires travel to schools with the contracted First Nations Reserves, and therefore, the successful candidate must have a reliable vehicle and a valid driver's licence.

Interested applicants **MUST** submit: 1) A cover letter; 2) Updated resume; 3) Photocopy of certificates/diploma/degree from a post-secondary institution; and 4) Contact information (email, phone number) of two work-related references.

Attention: Melissa Roy
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Posted: June 16, 2022

Deadline: July 4, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered and we appreciate your interest. Preference will be given to Indigenous People.

† in memoriam



MISHIBINIJIMA—In loving memory of Rose V. Mishibinijima, March 22, 1949 to June 23, 2017. Please do not weep or grieve for me, my own. I shall forever be close to you all, And when you call, I shall be near to God to intercede indeed. I can now help you more than ever before. Do not regret my coming home to rest. He who is love divine Did what was best. My years on Earth were full The moment came when Jesus gently called my name. I wish you could have heard His voice. You would no longer weep, But would rejoice. Lovingly remembered by your husband Ed, sons, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

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PEEVER—In loving memory of The Reverend Bain Peever, January 28, 1937 to June 23, 2020. Bain's love, laughter and smiles are deeply missed by Lynda and families.

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Celebration of Life

LOIS EVELYN NEWTON

February 17, 1944 - April 22, 2022



We invite friends and loved ones to join the family of Lois Evelyn Newton to Celebrate her Life. We'll share our favourite stories about her and create a vase with colourful flowers in her honour. Per her request, please bring a flower from your garden or a wildflower to contribute to the celebration on Sunday, July 3, 2022 from 1 to 4 pm at the Burpee Mills Cemetery, Union Road for the graveside service. Light lunch to follow at Burpee Mills Community Hall.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.

Today is the last day, well, at least of classes. The final pieces of culminating assignments and other term work will all wrap up today if they haven't already done so for some courses. It is hard to believe that 10 months have already passed and it's almost time for another summer break.

Exams begin tomorrow, Thursday, June 23, at 9 am. The second and third period exams will occur on Friday, June 24 at 9 am and 12:30 pm, respectively. Fourth period exams will be held at 9 am on Monday, June 27. The full exam schedule that includes what classes have exams each day can be found on the Guidance 2021-2022 Google Classrooms or MSS's Instagram or Facebook page. Good luck to all the students writing exams! You got this! An exam joke for you:

Father: Why did you get such a low score in that exam?

Son: Absence!

Father: You were absent on the day of the exam?

Son: No, but the boy who sits next to me was!

Friday, June 17 was Grade 8 shadow day. Grade 8 students from the Island elementary schools came to MSS to see what the day of a high school student looks like. The day began with introductions to student leaders, Jocelyn Kuntsi, myself (Rachael Orford), Lane Phillips and Katie Chapman, followed by introductions and a few words from Mr. Wiwchar, Ms. McCann, Ms. Marshall and Mr. Theijsemeijer. Grade 8 students and Grade 9 and 10 volunteer mentors then played a

huge game of "rock, paper, scissors, cheer" in the gym. After the game, the Grade 8s met up with the mentor they were paired with and headed off to a second period class. For lunch, Mr. Balfe prepared soup, so Grade 8s were welcome to go to the Foods room and see what a high school 'soup day' looks and tastes like. To wrap up the day, students were given tours by student leaders which was followed up by some school trivia and freebies for those who answered the questions correctly.

We finally have a Spymaster winner! It was many long weeks of students being afraid to sit in the cafeteria and running through the halls trying not



to get caught. One by one, participants slowly were eliminated from the game. Finally, as of last week, two people remained—two Grade 12 students as well. Then on Friday, a winner was declared. Congratulations to Zoe Redmond who was officially the last spy standing! Another award was given out to the person who caught the most targets throughout the span of the entire game. The winner of that award was Mr. Debassige. Congratulations! Great job to all the participants of Spymaster, and we hope that everyone had lots of fun!

Graduation is in less than a week! Now that the graduation rehearsal has come and gone, it is time for the official ceremony. The ceremony will be held in the gymnasium beginning at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 28. Graduates are to be at the school by 6:15 pm. With all that being said, it is now my pleasure to announce the valedictorian for the MSS graduating Class of 2022. Congratulations to Eliza Ermilova!

Joke of the week: An elderly person had serious hearing problems for a number of years. They went to the doctor, and the

doctor was able to have them fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed them to hear 100 percent. They went back in a month and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The person replied, "Oh, I haven't told my fami-

ly yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Upcoming events include exams and summer break!

Until the next time, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"

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Description of Lands:

- Roll No. 51 04 010 001 38610 0000; Perivale Rd. W/S; PIN 47113-0200 (LT); File No. 19-09;
Minimum Tender Amount: \$57,470.30
- Roll No. 51 04 020 003 69400 0000; PIN 47115-0804 (LT); File No. 19-18;
Minimum Tender Amount: \$8,292.16
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Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,343.78

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than size single family residences are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Provinces' Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act.

*A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available online at www.ontariotaxsales.ca or you may contact Ruth Frawley, CAO/Clerk, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, P.O. Box 187, 6020 Highway 542, Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0
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Health unit reports human case of Lyme disease in Manitoulin District

SUDBURY—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) has received laboratory results confirming an adult has tested positive for Lyme disease. Investigations indicated the disease was most likely acquired in the Manitoulin District.

Although reports of locally acquired Lyme disease remain uncommon, people need to protect themselves when enjoying the outdoors. Blacklegged ticks infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease have been found in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts in past years. However, they are commonly found in rural areas along the north shores of Lakes Erie, Ontario, Superior, and the St. Lawrence River, as well as in the Rainy River area of Northwestern Ontario.

“People enjoying the outdoors need to check for ticks immediately after activities like gardening or hiking. This is one of the simplest ways you can protect yourself from Lyme disease,” said Ashley DeRocchis, an environmental support officer with PHSD in a press release.

Blacklegged ticks do not jump or fly, the PHSD explained. They wait on grass and bushes for animals or humans to brush against the vegetation. Ticks vary in size and colour and can be hard to see until they are full of blood.

Avoiding a tick bite in the first place is best, recommends the health unit. To prevent tick bites: avoid walking in tall grass, make sure yards are kept clear of debris and overgrown vegetation, grass, bushes, and trees, keep wood piles and bird feeders away from homes, wear a long-sleeved, light-coloured shirt, pants, and closed-toe shoes. Use insect repellants that are approved by Health Canada and follow the application recommendations on the package, recommends PHSD, who also recommends doing a tick check, and take a shower after outdoor activities to help wash off ticks that have not yet attached themselves to the skin.

If you find a tick attached to a human: use



Blacklegged ticks can be carriers of Lyme disease.

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fine-tipped tweezers to grab the tick close to the skin

and gently pull straight up, wash the area with soap and water; put the tick in a dry container and bring it to your local public health unit to be sent for identification and testing for Lyme disease. Then follow up with your health care provider to determine if you need treatment, especially if the tick has been attached for more than 24 hours. Lyme disease is treated with antibiotics. If left untreated, Lyme

disease can cause serious complications to the heart, joints, and nervous system.

Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease may include a characteristic rash around

the area of the bite that looks like a red bullseye. You may also have fever, a headache, muscle and joint pain, fatigue, a stiff neck and swollen glands.

For more information on Lyme disease and ticks, call PHSD at 705-522-9200, extension 464 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200) or visit www.phsd.ca.

Death Notice

MYRTLE WOOD

November 28, 1933 - June 20, 2021



In loving memory of Myrtle Wood, who passed away peacefully with her family by her side at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Monday, June 20, 2022 at the age of 88. Myrtle was the second youngest daughter of Leslie and Sarah (nee Cosby) Wood. She was the beloved sister of Leonard, Edith,

Alvin, Leland, Elmer, Vera, Norman, Lorne, Florence, Charles, Stella and Berniece (all predeceased) and survived by her sister Marie (Cliff) Tann. She will be forever missed by her loving friend Don Shean. Myrtle will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Myrtle attended school in Green Bay. She worked for Ruth and Roy Dunlop for 31 years at the Bayside Cottages. After working she retired and lived at home with her brother Norman. She enjoyed many family get-togethers and was a phenomenal cook. She had a love for flowers. Before moving in to the Manor she enjoyed walking her neighbour, Don's, dog. She always looked forward to the summers when Berniece and Marie would move down to the lake. She'd go swimming twice a day with them, go walking, go on paddleboat rides and enjoy a cup of tea together. She always enjoyed going to the casino as well. She had a very large stuffed bear collection and she loved every one of them. Most importantly, she loved her family and enjoyed any chance anyone stopped in for tea. Family and friends will gather at Island Funeral Home on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 10 am until 12 pm. A funeral service will take place from there at 12 pm. Burial will follow in the Coldsprings Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Myrtle's honour to a charity of your choice. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

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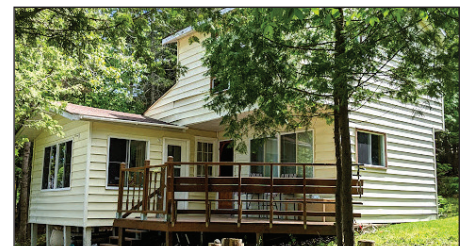
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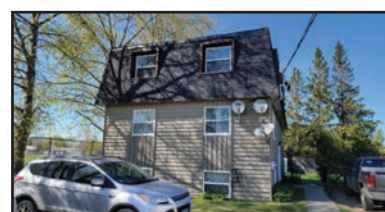
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